

Community Engagement Summary Report

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Community Engagement Summary

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Introduction

Improvements for Highway 17 crossing have been included in several policy documents. The needs were first documented in the Town of Los Gatos Safe Routes to School Phase 1 Study. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) identified the Nino Avenue Bridge over Highway 17 as one of the new bike/pedestrian bridge connections. The Town’s General Plan identified widening the Blossom Hill Road Bridge over Highway 17 for bicyclists and pedestrians. In the proposed Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) update that is being recommended to the Town Council for adoption, the Highway 17 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing near Blossom Hill Road is included as a priority project.

Overall Approach

Community engagement for this project follows the framework identified in the *Connect Los Gatos Community Engagement Plan* adopted by Town Council in March 2020. In addition to the public outreach efforts in the past several years, the Town has conducted intensified community engagement since the kick-off of the design phase in the summer of 2019. The Town has implemented the various community engagement tools.

- Project website www.losgatosca.gov/ConnectLG with all relevant project background information and updates.
- A project video available on the project website.
- Two community meetings in February and August 2020, open to the public.
- Monthly Complete Streets and Transportation Commission meetings, open to the public.
- Town Council meetings, open to the public.
- An online community survey conducted in March 2020.
- Back-to-School eblasts by schools & SR2S in fall 2019, spring 2020 and fall 2020.
- Meeting notices regarding the meeting via direct mailing, door hangers, and social media.
- Flyers placed on the streets and local businesses.

The public may participate in any and all of these opportunities. Staff encourage community members to seek project updates, ask questions, and provide comments. The past and ongoing activities are listed in Table 1. Outreach to special populations that are traditionally more difficult to reach was a priority for staff. In an effort to be as inclusive as possible, flyers were distributed throughout Town. Specifically, project flyers were posted at the Adult Recreation Center, Los Gatos Saratoga Recreation office, as well as local businesses. With the help of



key community partners, these flyers were also distributed to target outreach groups. This includes a targeted outreach effort to engage young citizens, the local school community, and elderly populations through established partnerships. These partnerships include Los Gatos School Districts, and the non-profit organization - Los Gatos Monte Sereno Safe Routes to School (SR2S). The Town also provided contact information in Russian, Mandarin Chinese, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Per the Police Department, these are the four languages most often requested for translation in Los Gatos.

Table 1 - Community Engagement Activities

8/1/19	Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Meeting: Field Meeting
9/18/19	Monte Sereno Daves Avenue Traffic Meeting
11/22/19	Los Gatos Infrastructure Bike Ride with Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition
Late Jan.	Connect Los Gatos Project Website
1/28/20	Launched project webpage
2/3/20	Parks Commission: voted to express support for BPOC
2/5/20	SR2S Education Team Meeting
2/13/20	Complete Streets & Transportation Commission
2/13/20	Monte Sereno Better Streets Commission presentation
2/18/20	Public notice flyer by mail
2/18/20	Draft design on website
2/20/20	Social Media posts for upcoming community meeting
2/21-2/24	Flyers along project location
2/25/20	Project community meeting
3/3/20	Town Council meeting: approved project purpose/need and authorized to proceed with design alternatives for separate bike and ped overcrossing
3/11 – 4/1/20	Survey online and shared on Facebook
Late Jan. – Mar.	Website updates and social media
7/9/20	Complete Streets & Transportation Commission: Reviewed and commented on the alignment alternatives
Late July – 8/4/20	Launch engagement activities, Video Posted Online, Draft design on website Other website updates
8/13/20	Complete Streets & Transportation Commission 7:30 am – 9:00 am - Recommend a preferred alignment- Discuss bridge design styles
8/17 – 8/21	Meeting notice flyer by mail and door hangers to more than 80 properties
8/14	Project website update, Town website what's new
8/14 – 8/21	Other promotions: social media, schools, SR2S Flyers along project location
Mid-late August	Back-to-School eblasts by schools & SR2S
8/25/20	Project virtual community meeting
9/1/20	Town Council meeting

Highlights of the Community Comments Received

Project Cost, Purpose and Need

Many people recognized the needs of improving access and safety at this location for bicyclists and pedestrians of all ages. Parents with school-age children expressed their support for a safer facility. Some



people believed this would not be a good investment because the need was not significant, or the cost would be high.

Neighborhood Impacts

Residents living within the project area shared their concerns about the increased foot traffic in the neighborhood associated with the alternatives connecting to Nino Avenue. Many were opposed to option(s) impacting Ohlone Court and/or Nino Court and Avenue due to privacy and noise pollution concerns. They were open to either the Blossom Hill Road widening and the Blossom Hill Road BPOC alternatives.

In reviewing the preferred alternative, residents in the Ohlone Court and Serra Court areas had questions about potential modifications to the retaining walls and visual impacts on their properties. They expressed the expectation to review and comment on the location and height of the approach paths in the final design phase.

Caltrans Coordination

Some people preferred to see the existing Blossom Hill Road bridge widened or rebuilt.

Travel Demand and Patterns

Many commented that they or their families would bike and walk more often for various trips if the facility was improved. In general people agreed that Alternatives 2 and 3 matched up with the existing travel patterns. People also showed preference to a direct connection to the Los Gatos Creek Trail.

User Experience

The Complete Streets and Transportation Commission expressed support for a separate BPOC that is sufficient to accommodate two-way bicycle traffic with separation between bicyclists and pedestrians. Many commenters emphasized safety as their first concern.

Potential Environmental Impacts

Staff received several questions on the potential tree removal and visual impacts from the neighborhood.

Documentation

Appendix A includes documentation of the engagement activities supporting the Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing over Highway 17 project.

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Final Infrastructure Ride 2019 – Los Gatos

by Sandhya Laddha | Dec 2, 2019 | Advocacy, Infrastructure Rides



The last infrastructure ride of 2019 was a great finale! It was a great mix of participants and knowledge sharing, leaving all the participants more inspired to work towards improving bicycle infrastructure and policies. Participants included town staff, VTA employees, BPAC members and also Los Gatos Council member Rob Rennie. The ride began on a chilly Friday morning with hot coffee from Los Gatos Roasting Company and some baked goods from a local bakery – Icing on the Cake. A big shout out to the staff of Los Gatos for putting this entire ride together!

We rolled off through the “spine” of the Los Gatos Creek trail network, where the staff spoke about commute, recreation, regional connectivity, and other significant uses of the trail network. They also introduced the Highway 9 Creek Trailhead Connector project. Currently, the creek and the Highway 9 bridge are connected by informal dog paths. The proposal is to

make a ramp on one side and stairs on another, connecting the bridge to the trail, to make it convenient for use by all.

The ride wheeled through a part of the Winchester complete streets project highlighting improvements made for people biking and walking. The Winchester is an interesting example since the street further continues to Campbell and Santa Clara and continuous bike/ped infrastructure improvements can make it a great regional connector. The town has also received Air District Grant for upgrade from Class II to Class IV protected bike lanes for a part of the project. We also rode by the improvements made on Roberts road which has made biking and walking, especially for kids going to Fisher middle school a lot easier and safer.

The other projects that were discussed included Connect Los Gatos, Winchester complete streets, Safe Routes to school (SR2S) improvements, and the Kennedy sidewalk project.

Lastly, a big thanks once again to Los Gatos staff and BPAC members for speaking about various projects and improvements as we rolled-by on our 8-mile ride. Thank you – Ying Smith, Maria Ristow, Areli Perez, Matt Morley, Bobby Gonzales, Jeff Thompson, Sheldon Gilbert and Bill Ehlers.

[More pictures from the ride](#)

Recent Posts

Thanksgiving Fatality

Commercial Vehicle Driver Training: Improving safety and raising drivers' comfort through knowledge

Sign, Sign, Valley Water Signs – Scavenger Hunt Recap

Final Infrastructure Ride 2019 – Los Gatos

Data Collection Workshop by Copenhagenize

Organization

Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition
96 N. Third Street, Suite 375
PO Box 1927



Infrastructure Bike Ride Stop #4: Blossom Hill Road current conditons for crossing as a bike and/or pedestrian over Highway 17

Attachment B: Commission Meeting Updates and Input

Date	Commission/Topic
8/1/19	Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission <i>Field Meeting at the project area</i>
10/3/19	Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission <i>Final design for the Highway 17 bike/pedestrian overcrossing Eligibility</i>
12/5/20	Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission <i>Discussed feasibility analysis and progress report, for bridge over highway 17</i>
2/3/20	Parks Commission <i>Voted to express support for BPOC</i>
2/13/20	Complete Streets & Transportation Commission <i>Approved project purpose and need</i> <i>Authorized to proceed with design alternatives for separate bike and ped overcrossing</i>
	Complete Streets & Transportation Commission <i>Supported Measure B applications</i>
3/3/20	Town Council Meeting <i>Reviewed and discussed the highway 17 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing Feasibility Study</i>
5/19/20	Town Council Meeting <i>PPW highlighted key projects for FY 2020/21</i> <i>Discussed closing the Towns active transport gaps, highway 17 BPOC is one of four key projects to support this goal</i>
7/9/20	Complete Streets & Transportation Commission <i>Reviewed and commented on the alignment alternatives</i>
8/13/20	Complete Streets & Transportation Commission <i>Recommended a preferred alignment</i> <i>Discussed bridge design styles</i>



Attachment C: Highway 17 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing 2.25.20 Community Meeting Summary

Date and Location

February 25, 2020

7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M., Town Council Chambers

Attendance

Approximately 20 people, including nearby residents, parents of school children, general public, and CSTC Commissioners

How Was it Advertised

- 53 direct public notice mailings to residents and property owners within the project vicinity
- Flyers posted on Blossom Hill Road and Fisher Avenue, Oak Meadow Park, local businesses, the Adult Recreation Center and the Los Gatos – Saratoga Recreation office
- Los Gatos School and Safe Routes to School newsletters and e-blasts
- Social media posts: Nextdoor, Facebook, and Twitter

Presentation and Materials

- The project team presented the project background and alternatives, answered questions and held an open house.
- The attendees were invited to participate in a “sticky dot” vote exercise to show their preference among three alignment alternatives.
- A questionnaire survey was distributed. The survey was aimed at collecting information on current and potential active travelers’ trip characteristics and preference. A total of 84 responses were received.

Comments and Questions Received

The community feedback shows that the majority of the attendees preferred the Blossom Hill Road alignment over the Nino alignment. People also expressed appreciation that the first consideration in this project is to improve safety of the students crossing the bridge when they bike or walk to school.



A. Questions about Project Need

1. What is the genesis for the Project?
2. What data was reviewed to determine where the demand is when developing the proposed alternatives?
3. Do we know where the students are coming from?
4. How can we determine the destination of the bicyclists and pedestrians using the existing Blossom Hill Road Overcrossing?
5. Other than survey, how do we determine which bridge alignment alternative is best?

B. Questions about a new BPOC over the existing structure

6. Did the Project Design Team considered installing a separate BPOC that sits above the existing Blossom Hill Road Overcrossing sidewalk?
7. If Caltrans does not plan on improving the existing Blossom Hill Road Overcrossing, then why can't we proceed with the construction of a new BPOC over the existing structure?
8. Can we use political pressure to force Caltrans to improve the existing bridge as part of this project scope?

C. Question about traffic, noise and enforcement

9. Is there any readily available traffic data within the limits of the project? If so, where can this data be found?
10. Is it possible to monitor the project to establish the safest BPOC alternative?
11. Can we monitor the number of vehicles driving above speed limit along Blossom Hill Road Overcrossing?
12. Can we study the existing bicyclists and pedestrian traffic volumes to establish the safest BPOC alternative?
13. Has anyone considered policing the existing overcrossing to increase safety for all users?
14. Can we get the Police Department's input on the proposed alternative at our next Community Meeting?
15. Has anyone considered installing speed bumps along Blossom Hill Road to force vehicles to reduce their speed?
16. Can we monitor the existing noise levels?

D. Questions about anticipated population growth





17. What is happening to the population of Los Gatos? Is the population increasing? Do we have an older population?
18. It is anticipated that over 2,000 new homes will be constructed within the Town of Los Gatos over the next 20 years. What data is being reviewed to determine future population growth within the limits of the project?

E. Questions about bridge alignment alternatives

19. Why not create connectivity on Blossom Hill Road since this corridor has recently been improved with new bike lane markings?
20. For Alternatives 1A and 1B, could we include a dog leg combo connection with Nino Avenue?
21. For Alternative 1B, could we add connectivity to Blossom Hill Road (West Side) in addition to the proposed connection to Nino Avenue to make this alternative more “attractive”?
22. For Alternative 2, can we look into eliminating the eastbound sidewalk and bike lane?
23. For Alternative 2, can we look into improving the westbound bike lane along Blossom Hill Road Overcrossing and designate the proposed structure for pedestrians and eastbound bike traffic only?

Additional Information

1. Meeting flyer, social media promotion and flyer distribution
2. Presentation
3. Sign-in sheet
4. Picture Boards





Connect Los Gatos
Town of Los Gatos
Parks and Public Works Department

Highway 17 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing Feasibility Study

COMMUNITY MEETING

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Town Council Chambers

110 E. Main Street, Los Gatos

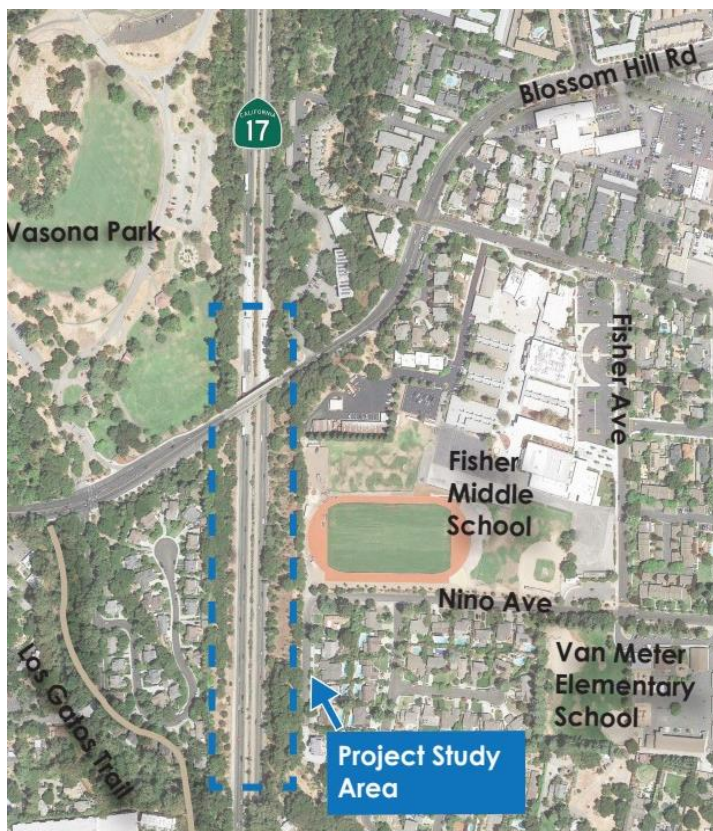
The Town of Los Gatos Parks and Public Works Department invites you to attend a community meeting to learn about this important bicycle and pedestrian feasibility study. The study will evaluate options to improve safety and connections for bicyclists and pedestrians crossing Highway 17 near Blossom Hill Road. We encourage you to attend, learn more, and provide input about the alignment alternatives. Public participation is vital to the project's success.

We encourage interested individuals to subscribe to the "NOTIFY ME" service located on the project webpage:

<https://www.losgatosca.gov/connectlg>.



We look forward to working with the community. Any questions regarding the project can be referred to Ying Smith, Transportation and Mobility Manager, at (408) 827-3550 or YSmith@LosGatosCA.gov





Suggested Locations for flyers on A-frame:

Place in locations that seem appropriate

Signs should be viewable going both directions, only if and when feasible

1. Oak Meadow Park
2. Entrance/Exit Los Gatos Creek Trail at Roberts Rd.
3. Sidewalk on Roberts Rd. (where sidewalk is wide enough)
4. Southside of Blossom Hill Rd bridge (see photo #1)
5. Northside of Blossom Hill Rd bridge
6. Next to Fisher Middle School bus stop on Town sidewalk (see photo #2)

 Project Study Area: Crossing Highway 17 near Blossom Hill Road



1. Photo #1: southside of Blossom Hill Rd bridge



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1. Photo #2: sidewalk next to Fisher Middle School by bus stop



Highway 17 Bicycle and Pedestrian Feasibility Study

Please take this survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/17BPOC> which is designed to elicit your ideas and feedback to help guide the Design Team. As the project moves forward, there will be more opportunities to provide feedback on specific design features.

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SURVEY

HIGHWAY 17 BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN OVERCROSSING FEASIBILITY STUDY

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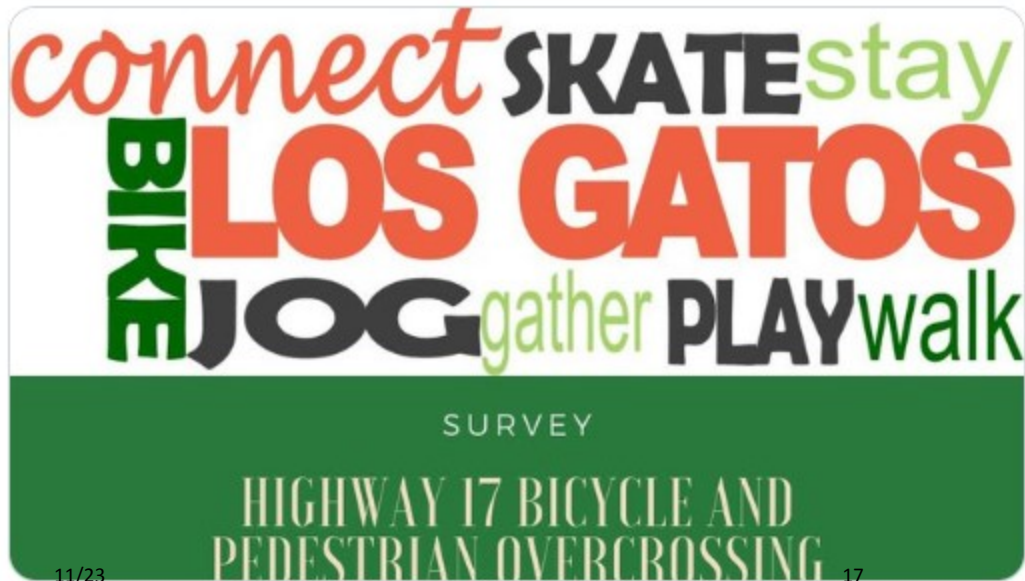


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Highway 17 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing Feasibility Study!

Parks and Public Works Director Matt Morley from Town of Los Gatos · 20 Feb

Please join the Town of Los Gatos Parks and Public Works Department at our first Community Meeting regarding the Highway 17 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing Feasibility Study!

When: February 25, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Town Council Chambers, 110 E. Main Street, Los Gatos

Join the conversation, provide input, and learn more about an important bicycle and pedestrian feasibility study that will evaluate the options for safety and connections crossing Highway 17 on Blossom Hill Road! The meeting will include evaluation of alignment alternatives under consideration.

We encourage you to attend as community input regarding the project is vital to the project's success.

Stay connected! For more information on this project, please visit our website www.losgatosca.gov/connectLG. Register for "Notify Me" on our website to receive important updates, key dates, and meeting information.

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Los Gatos Next Door Posting

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COMMUNITY MEETING

HIGHWAY 17 BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN OVERCROSSING FEASIBILITY STUDY

February 25 • 7 PM • Town Council Chambers, 110 E. Main Street Los Gatos, CA

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Town of Los Gatos Parks and Public Works

February 20 at 12:28 PM · 🌐

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Los Gatos Facebook Posting

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Ying Smith

From: Los Gatos-Monte Sereno Safe Routes to School <lgsr2s@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 10:30 AM
To: Ying Smith
Subject: Connect Los Gatos



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All of the improvements have a strong focus on providing safe routes to schools and will potentially benefit the students. The Town would like to invite the LGUSD community to engage in the process and provide input in the various bike and pedestrian improvement projects.

Tell us what you think about the Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing over Highway 17 project. Take the survey and share your input <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/17BPOC>

Attachment C.2: Meeting Presentation



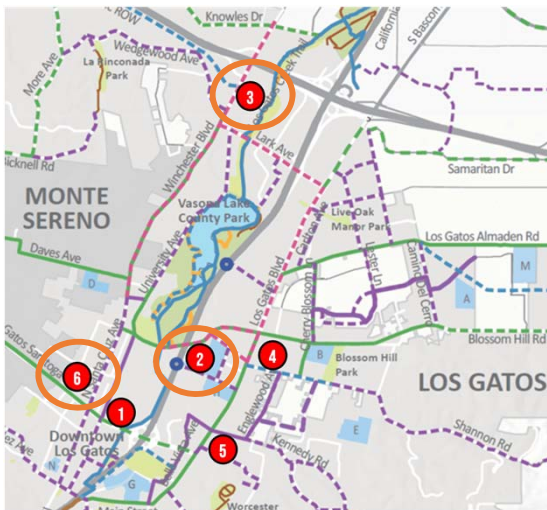
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Connect Los Gatos Project Locations



Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects

1. Los Gatos Creek Trail Connector to Highway 9
2. Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing over Highway 17
3. Winchester Boulevard Complete Streets
4. Shannon Road Multi-Use Path
5. Kennedy Road Sidewalk
6. Highway 9/ Massol Avenue Rectangular Rapidly Flashing Beacon



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Highway 17 Bicycle & Pedestrian Overcrossing



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Highway 17 Bicycle & Pedestrian Overcrossing Feasibility Study



Alternatives:

- Alternative 1 – Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge to Nino Ave
- Alternative 2 – Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge adjacent to the Blossom Hill Rd OC
- Alternative 3 – Widening the Existing Blossom Hill Rd Overcrossing



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Highway 9/ Massol Avenue Rectangular Rapidly Flashing Beacon



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Highway 9/ Massol Avenue Rectangular Rapidly Flashing Beacon

Existing Conditions of Flashing Beacon



Source: Google Maps

Proposed Upgrades to Rectangular Rapidly Flashing Beacon



Source: <https://www.tapconet.com/product/rrfb-pedestrian-crosswalk-system>

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Winchester Boulevard Complete Streets

Opportunities and Constraints along Winchester Boulevard

LEGEND

- 1 Wide auto lanes could be reduced to provide Class IV bike lanes across bridge
- 2 Rail crossing equipment constrains ROW
- 3 On-street parking presents hazards for bicyclists
- 4 Examine opportunities to remove northbound free right-turn to improve pedestrian safety
- 5 Corridor cross-section changes from four-lane divided to four-lane undivided south of Wild Way
- 6 South of Lark Avenue, corridor should be assessed for reducing the northbound movement to one lane and providing a landscaped median
- 7 Wide auto lanes could be reduced to provide Class IV bike lanes
- 8 Opportunity to increase width of bicycle and pedestrian facilities by removal of on-street parking
- 9 Examine modifications to signal phasing to allow for additional crosswalk across Winchester Blvd
- 10 Wide auto lanes could be reduced to provide Class IV bike lanes
- 11 Opportunity to increase width of bicycle and pedestrian facilities by removal of on-street parking
- 12 Evaluate opportunity to remove free right-turn to improve pedestrian safety



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Winchester Boulevard Complete Streets

Project Ideas

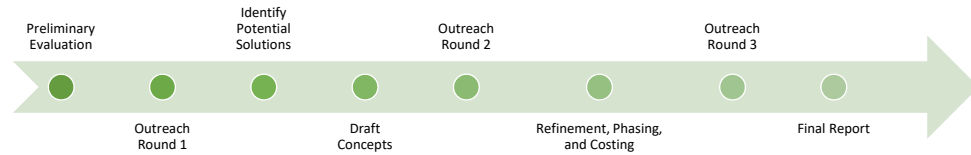
Lark Avenue to Shelburne Way

- Wide travel and bike lanes could be reduced to provide Class IV protected bike lanes
- Evaluate removal of one northbound lane to balance lanes



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Winchester Boulevard Complete Streets Overall Approach and Schedule



Milestone	Schedule
Preliminary Evaluation	January - March, 2020
Outreach Round 1	March 2020
Draft Concepts	March - May, 2020
Outreach Round 2	July - August, 2020
Design Refinement, Phasing, and Costing	July - September, 2020
Outreach Round 3	September, 2020
Final design of Class IV Bike Lanes	September - October, 2020
Town/City Councils consider final design	November 2020
Construction of Class IV Bike Lanes	Summer 2021

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Public Participation: Join Us!




Opportunities for Public Participation

- Stay connected by registering for "Notify Me" at www.losgatosca.gov/connectLG to receive project updates
- Attend a community workshop to learn more about specific projects and provide input and feedback
- Input and feedback for the existing conditions & needs assessment, design alternatives, preferred/ final alternative, and construction phases



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Thank You



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Attachment C.3: Meeting Sign In Sheet



Sign-In Sheet

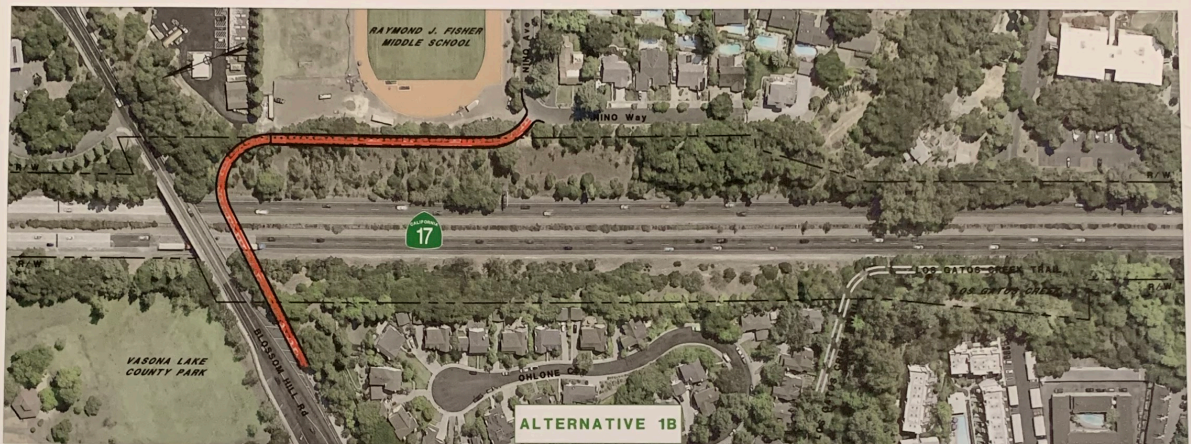
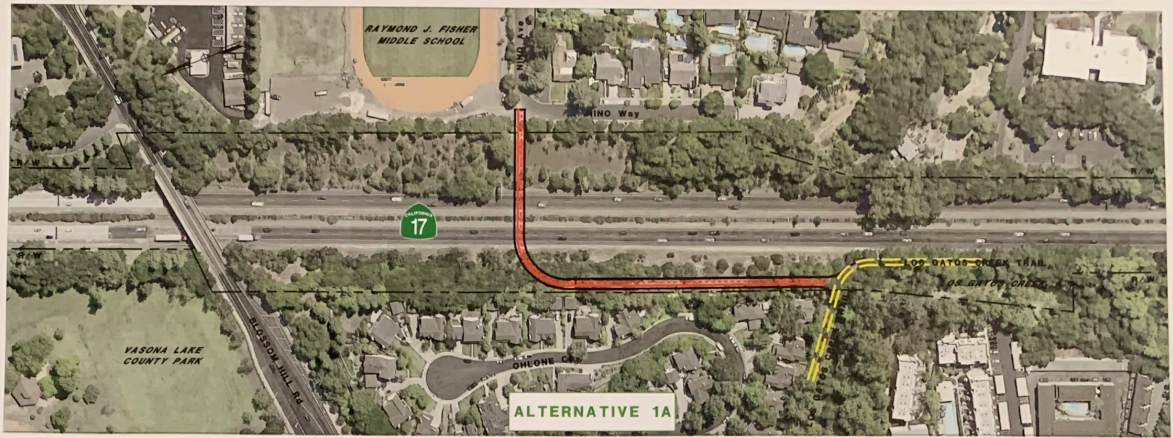
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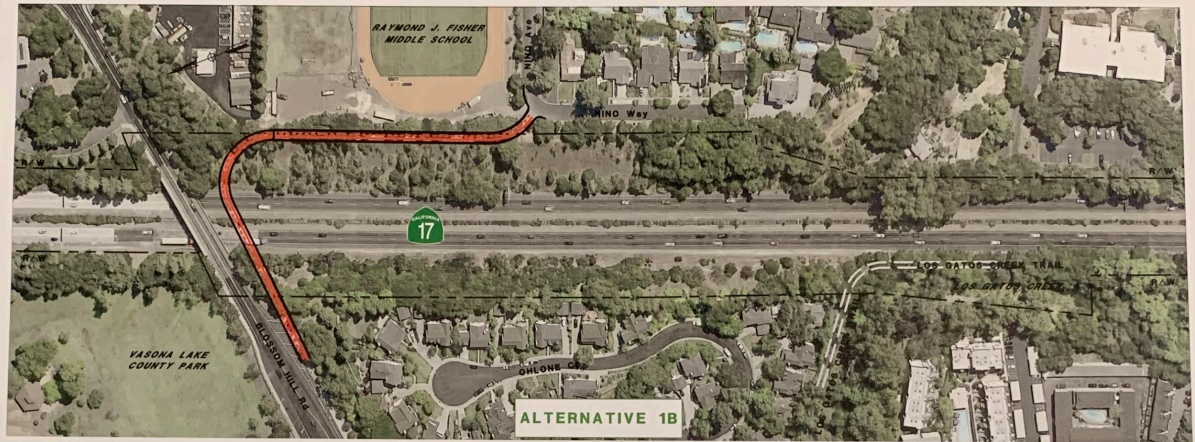
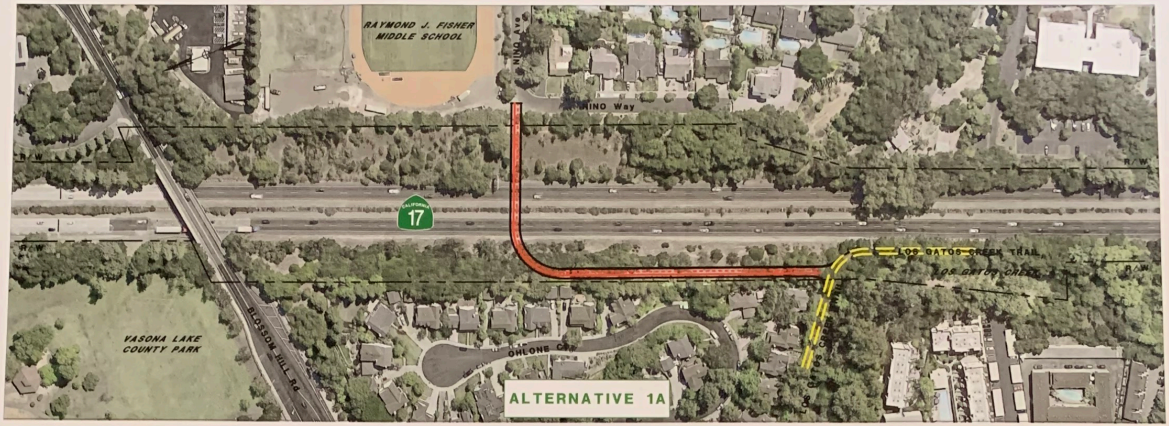


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Survey Report



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A. Background

Connect Los Gatos is a new public engagement initiative that promotes bicycle and pedestrian projects that are all part of a big picture effort to provide connected multi-modal routes through the Town. Connect Los Gatos is aimed at making it easier and safer for all to bike and walk in Los Gatos. All of the improvements have a strong focus on providing safe routes to schools and will potentially benefit the students.

Purpose

The survey was conducted to engage the community in the project development process and to provide information on people's travel patterns and preference.

The survey included 17 questions targeted toward understanding how respondents use Blossom Hill Road, cross Highway 17 when walking and biking, and what their top priorities are for this location. It also provided an opportunity to leave comments or feedback on the project.

Survey Period

February 25, 2020 at the Community Meeting

Online via SurveyMonkey between March 11th – April 1st, 2020

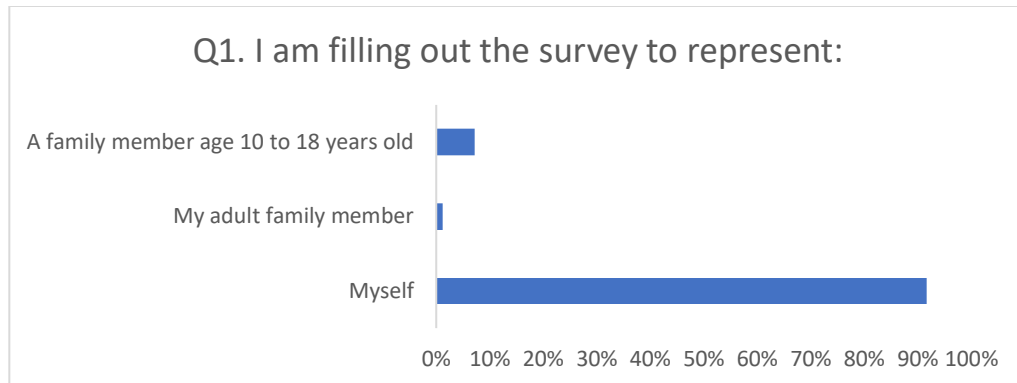
Survey Mechanism

This survey was administered at the February 25 Community Meeting and online through SurveyMonkey. At the Community Meeting the survey was provided on paper. Meeting attendees were encouraged to complete the survey. The link was sent through Los Gatos Monte Sereno Safe Routes to School and Los Gatos Union School District email list. The survey was also posted on the Connect Los Gatos – Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing over Highway 17 page on the Town's website and was promoted via social media. A total of 84 responses were received. The survey questions can be found in section C.

B. Survey Responses

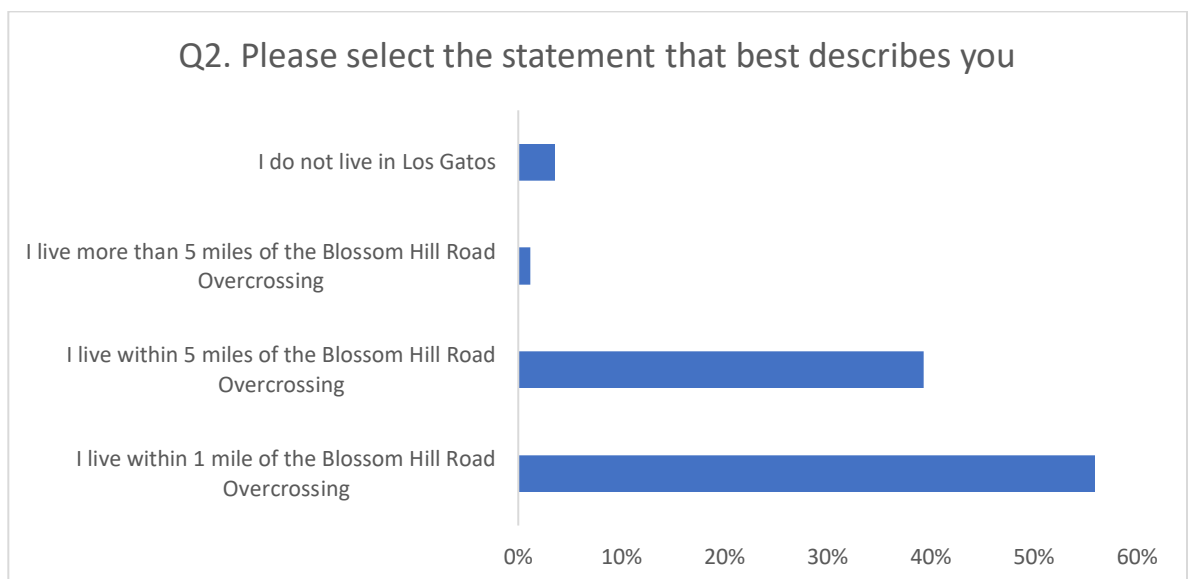
Q1. I am filling out the survey to represent:

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSE PERCENT	RESPONSES
Myself	91.67%	77
My adult family member	1.19%	1
A family member age 10 to 18 years old	7.14%	6
TOTAL		84



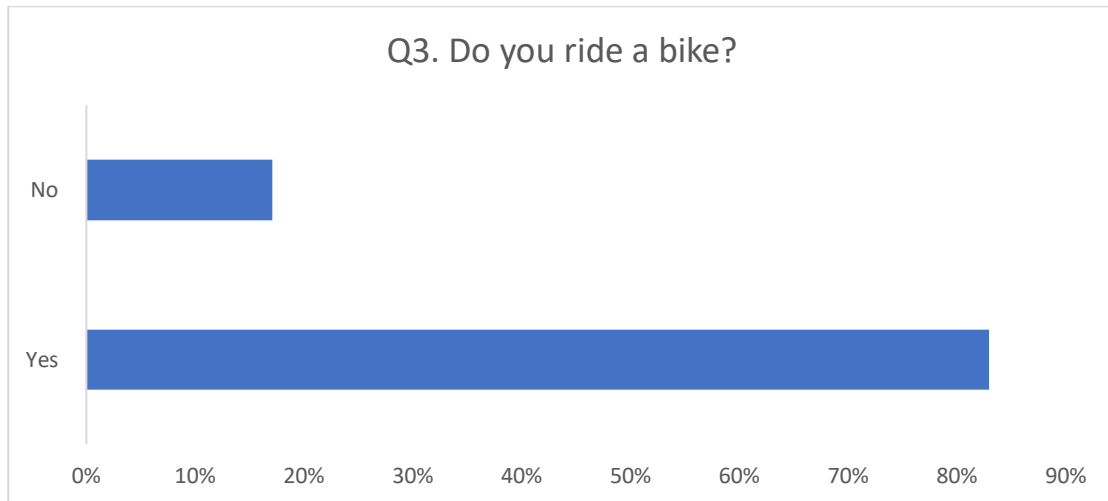
Q2. Please select the statement that best describes you:

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSE PERCENT	RESPONSES
I live within 1 mile of the Blossom Hill Road Overcrossing	55.95%	47
I live within 5 miles of the Blossom Hill Road Overcrossing	39.29%	33
I live more than 5 miles of the Blossom Hill Road Overcrossing	1.19%	1
I do not live in Los Gatos	3.57%	3
TOTAL		84



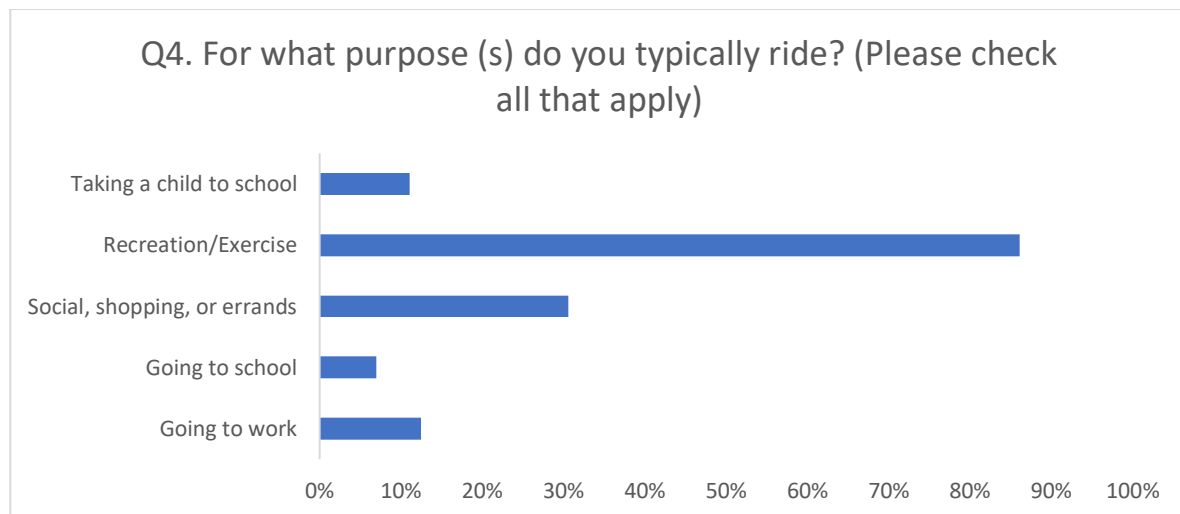
Q3. Do you ride a bike?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSE PERCENT	RESPONSES
Yes	82.93%	68
No	17.07%	14
TOTAL		82



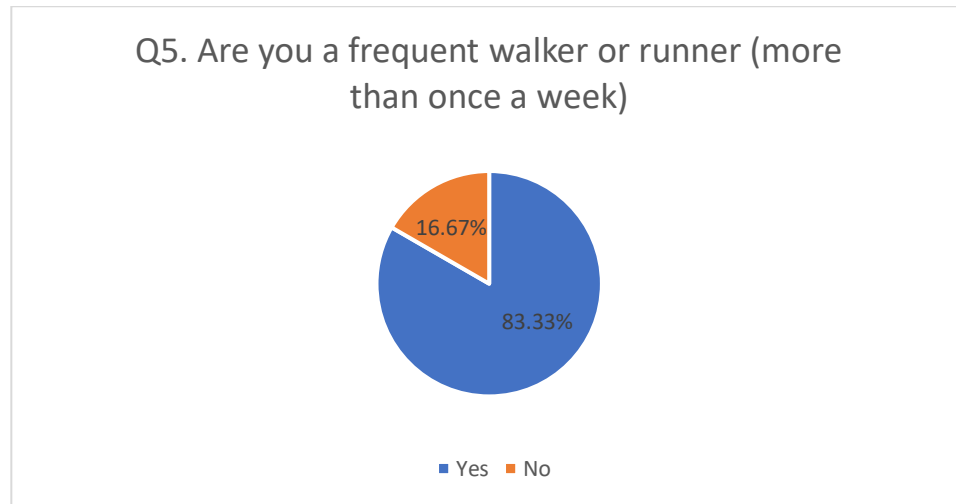
Q4. For what purpose (s) do you typically ride? (Please check all that apply)

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSE PERCENT	RESPONSES
Going to work	12.50%	9
Going to school	6.94%	5
Social, shopping, or errands	30.56%	22
Recreation/Exercise	86.11%	62
Taking a child to school	11.11%	8
TOTAL		72



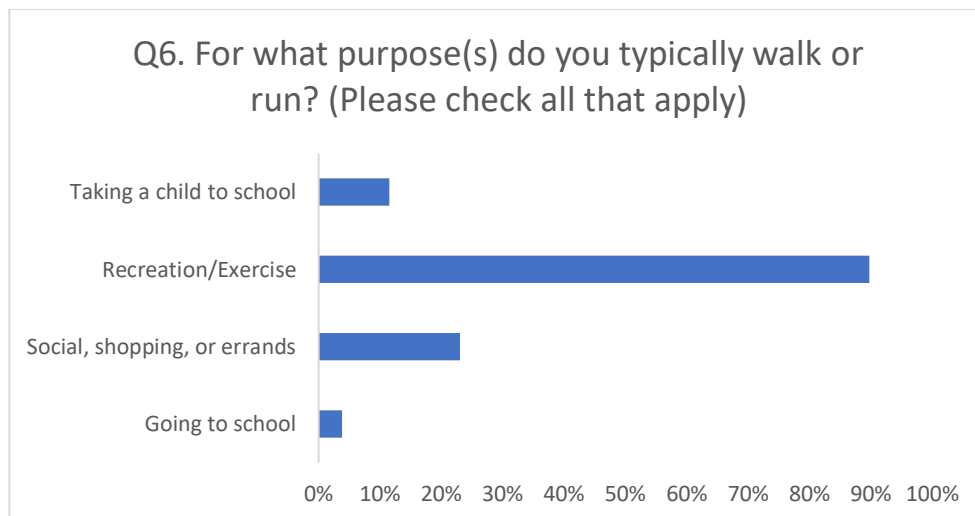
Q5. Are you a frequent walker or runner (more than once a week)

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSE PERCENT	RESPONSES
Yes	83.33%	70
No	16.67%	14
TOTAL		84



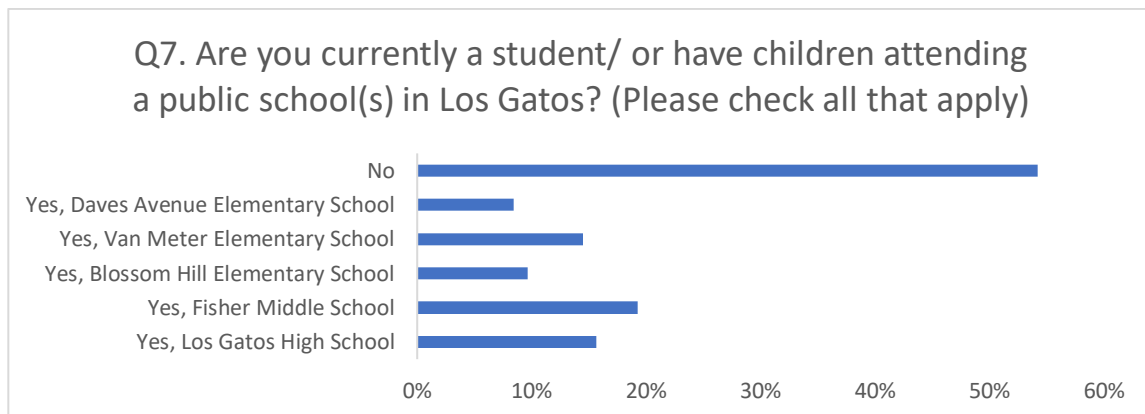
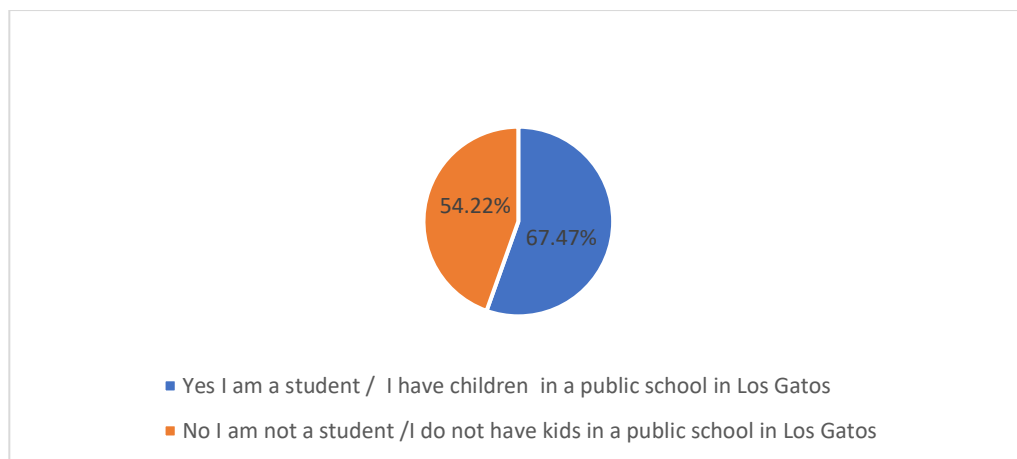
Q6. For what purpose(s) do you typically walk or run? (Please check all that apply)

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSE PERCENT	RESPONSES
Going to school	3.85%	3
Social, shopping, or errands	23.08%	18
Recreation/Exercise	89.74%	70
Taking a child to school	11.54%	9
TOTAL		78



**Q7. Are you currently a student/ or have children attending a public school(s) in Los Gatos?
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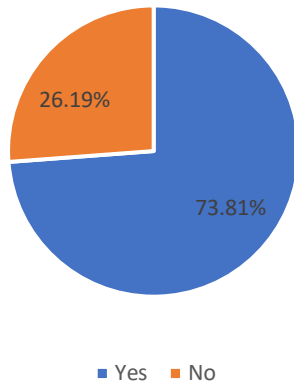
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSE PERCENT	RESPONSES
Yes, Los Gatos High School	15.66%	13
Yes, Fisher Middle School	19.28%	16
Yes, Blossom Hill Elementary School	9.64%	8
Yes, Van Meter Elementary School	14.46%	12
Yes, Daves Avenue Elementary School	8.43%	7
No	54.22%	45
TOTAL		83



Q8. Do you use Blossom Hill Road as a cyclist, walker or runner?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSE PERCENT	RESPONSES
Yes	73.81%	62
No	26.19%	22
TOTAL		84

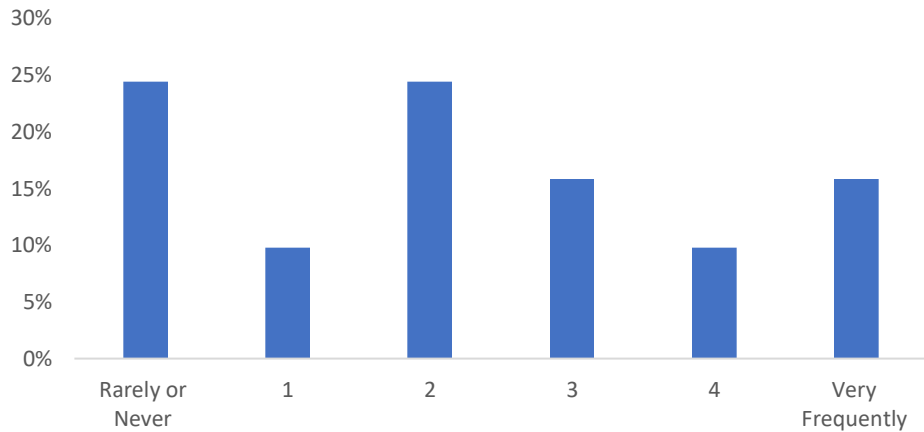
Q8. Do you use Blossom Hill Road as a cyclist, walker or runner?



Q9. How frequently do you use Blossom Hill Road as a cyclist, walker, or runner?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSE PERCENT	RESPONSES
Rarely or Never	24.39%	
1	9.76%	
2	24.39%	
3	15.85%	
4	9.76%	
Very Frequently	15.85%	
TOTAL		82

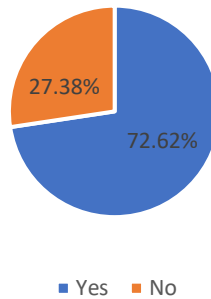
Q9. How frequently do you use Blossom Hill Road as a cyclist, walker, or runner?



Q10. If an improved/new Highway 17 crossing at or near Blossom Hill Road was provided for cyclists and pedestrians, would you use the crossing more frequently?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSE PERCENT	RESPONSES
Yes	72.62%	61
No	27.38%	23
TOTAL		84

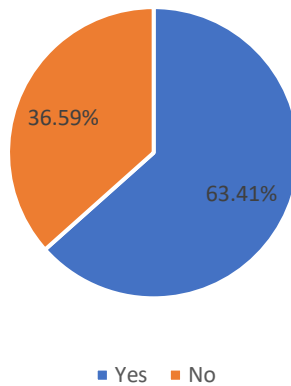
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Q11. Would the frequency of use be dependent on the location of the crossing?

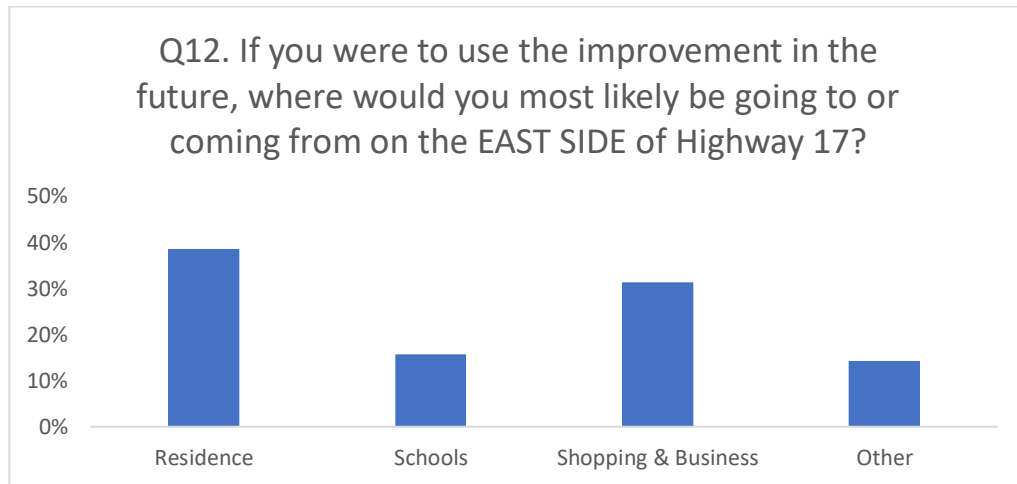
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSE PERCENT	RESPONSES
Yes	63.41%	52
No	36.59%	30
TOTAL		82

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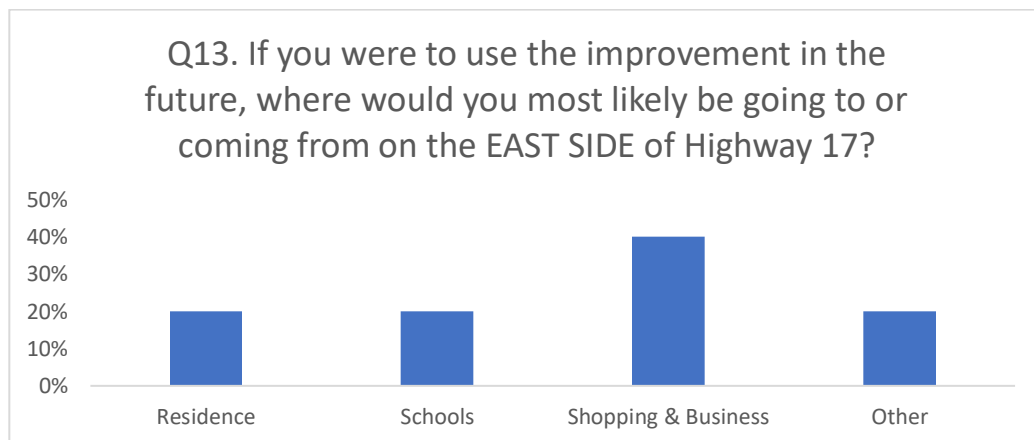
Q12. If you were to use the improvement in the future, where would you most likely be going to or coming from on the EAST SIDE of Highway 17?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSE PERCENT	RESPONSES
Residence	38.57%	27
Schools	15.71%	11
Shopping & Business	31.43%	22
Other	14.29%	10
TOTAL		70



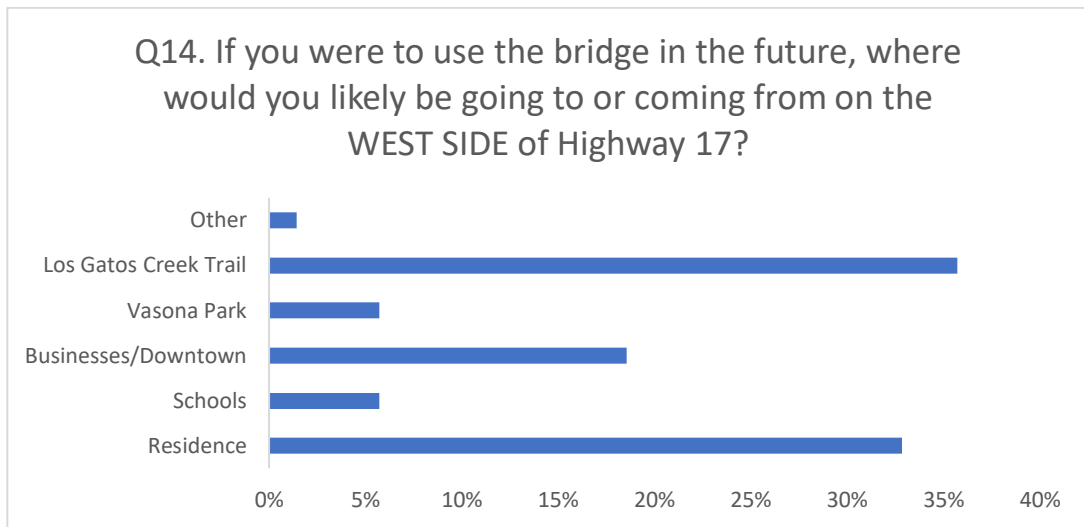
Q13. If you were to use the improvement in the future, where would you most likely be going to or coming from on the EAST SIDE of Highway 17?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSE PERCENT	RESPONSES
Residence	20.00%	2
Schools	20.00%	2
Shopping & Business	40.00%	4
Other	20.00%	2
TOTAL		10



Q14. If you were to use the bridge in the future, where would you likely be going to or coming from on the WEST SIDE of Highway 17?

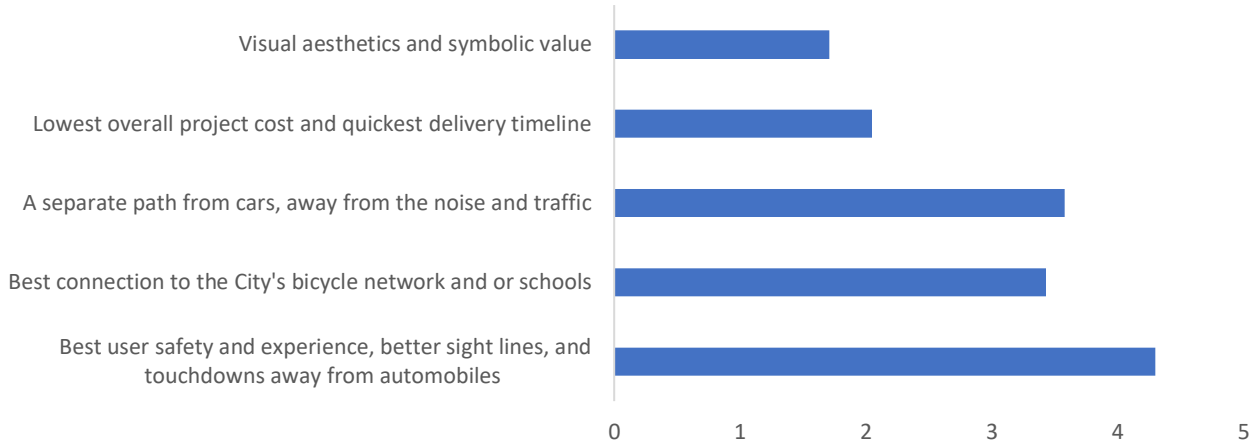
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSE PERCENT	RESPONSES
Residence	32.86%	23
Schools	5.71%	4
Businesses/Downtown	18.57%	13
Vasona Park	5.71%	4
Los Gatos Creek Trail	35.71%	25
Other	1.43%	1
TOTAL		70



Q15. You may choose a number (1=highest priority, 2=second priority, and so on) or move the choices up and down to indicate your priorities.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSE SCORE	RESPONSES
Best user safety and experience, better sight lines, and touchdowns away from automobiles	4.3	67
Best connection to the City's bicycle network and or schools	3.43	67
A separate path from cars, away from the noise and traffic	3.58	66
Lowest overall project cost and quickest delivery timeline	2.05	65
Visual aesthetics and symbolic value	1.71	65

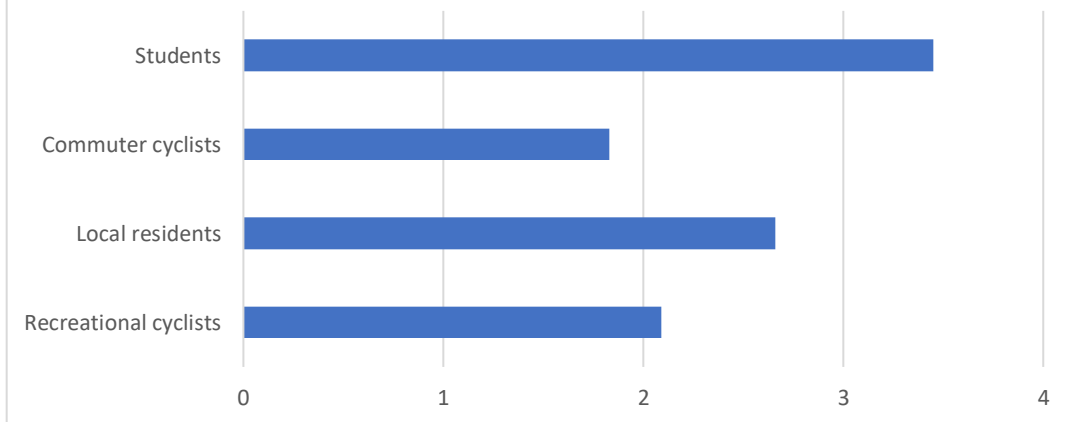
Q15. You may choose a number (1=highest priority, 2=second priority, and so on) or move the choices up and down to indicate your priorities.



Q16. Please select your TOP user group (1=highest priority, 2=second priority, and so on) or move the choices up and down to indicate your priorities.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSE SCORE	RESPONSES
Recreational cyclists	2.09	66
Local residents	2.66	67
Commuter cyclists	1.83	65
Students	3.45	66

Q16. Please select your TOP user group (1=highest priority, 2=second priority, and so on) or move the choices up and down to indicate your priorities.



Q17. If you have any additional comments you would like to share with the Design Team, please provide them here.

- 1 I raised 2 sons in town - biked and walked to school - BHR Bridge
- 2 Alternative 2 is my vote and is least disruptive to the Ohlone and Nino Avenue.
- 3 I am strongly opposed to option impacting Ohlone Court due to privacy and noise pollution impact. This is my top priority.
- 4 Do not continue this project if you only consider options 1,2&3. Priority should be using the existing bridge until CalTrans builds a new bridge.
- 5 A crossing which accesses the trail would increase the frequency of bike trips for me to downtown/Santa Cruz Avenue
- 6 I am retired. The ped/bike over-crossing would not change my recreational activities.
- 7 I am a parent and teacher in the community. I want all kids to be safe FIRST.
- 8 In addition to the bridge, please install crosswalks with flashing lights at the on/off ramps at Highway 9 and 17. I am a nervous wreck every time we want to cross those ramps! We live off Shannon and like to walk to downtown. Even with the new bridge, residents should have safe crossings at those ramps.
- 9 The most practical approach would be an extension (widening) of the existing Blossom Hill Rd bridge, or a pedestrian/cyclist bridge just next to it (on the south side). There is already good access to that area from the West. There will be needed just a widening of the sidewalk (with a dedicated bike lane) on the East side going uphill on Blossom Hill Rd.
- 10 The current Blossom Hill Rd. overcrossing seems adequate to me. Why is a new bridge needed?
- 11 The utilization of bicycles as a form of transportation is exaggerated and should NOT be a high priority for any municipality. I think this project should be put up for a vote to the people, as opposed to allowing a few squeaky wheels to force the town council into an expensive project.
- 12 Lane improvements already complete on Blossom Hill are good. There does need to be a distinct marker for driveway entrances though.
- 13 this is another waste of money, students use this area 160 days per year for 15 minutes in the morning and 15 minutes after school. The rest of the day it just promotes congestion with the morning and 15 minutes after school. The rest of the day it just promotes congestion with the reducing of a lane on blossom hill road. where in the town planning handbook does it say when there is increased population and traffic remove a lane of traffic? Just plain stupid.
- 14 I actually see the groups in item 16 as equally important.

- 15 The biggest problem for bicyclists heading west on blossom hill road to access South Bound Los Gatos Creek Trail is getting across Blossom Hill Road to Roberts Road
- 16 A bridge from Farley to Vasona would be ideal. No cars and direct connection to LG creek trail
- 17 Los Gatos s as los needs to improve the Los gstos creek trail- like campbell and maintain it! Garbage cans, rest areas, and relocate the path that floods every year north of lark
- 18 Anytime autos and cyclists have separate routes there is increased safety. Especially with kids.
- 19 Pretty much anything is better than the status quo. Dangerous/scary to ride a bike across the overpass if you can't use sidewalk (when occupied by pedestrians)

C. Survey Questions

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My adult family member
A family member age 10 to 18 years old

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Yes
No

Q4. For what purpose (s) do you typically ride? (Please check all that apply)

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Yes
No

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No

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D. Survey Summary

A total of 84 valid responses were received, from both the February 25 Community Meeting SurveyMonkey.

Overall, the results of this survey suggest that the respondents are locals, who largely use cycling and walking for exercise purposes. Over half of the respondent's state that they would use the overcrossing more often if there were improvements made. The overcrossing gets used mostly to get to places of residence, retail centers, or to the Los Gatos Creek Trail. Safety, connection, and separation from noise and traffic for local students are the respondent's top priorities for this improvement project.

Attachment E: August 25, 2020 Community Meeting Summary

Highway 17 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing

August 25, 2020 Community Meeting Summary

Date and Location

7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M., Online Webinar hosted on Zoom

Attendance

Approximately 40 people, including nearby residents, parents of school children, general public, Safe Route to School representatives, and CSTC Commissioners

How Was it Advertised

- More than 80 public notice mailings and door hanging notification were distributed to residents and property owners within the project vicinity.
- Flyers posted on Blossom Hill Road and Fisher Avenue, Oak Meadow Park, local businesses, and the Adult Recreation Center.
- Posted on the Project Webpage, the Towns “What’s New” Page, and sent out to “Notify me” subscribers.
- Los Gatos School and Safe Routes to School newsletters and e-blasts.
- Social media posts: NextDoor, Facebook, YouTube, Instagram and Twitter.

Presentation and Materials

- The project team presented the background and alternatives, answered questions and held a Q&A webinar community meeting.
- The attendees were invited to participate in a providing feedback on the recommended alternative and findings.

Comments and Questions Received

The attendees received background on the alignment alternatives, the evaluation process, design features of the preferred alternative, and potential environmental impacts. The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session. Many attendees expressed appreciation and support for the solution to safer walking and biking. They asked questions about the preferred alignment and design. In reviewing the preferred alternative, residents in the Ohlone Court and Serra Court areas had questions about potential modifications



to the retaining walls and visual impacts on their properties. They expected to review and comment on the location and height of the approach paths in the final design phase

A. Questions about a new BPOC over the existing structure

1. Thanks for hosting this meeting. I hope it is a thoughtful discussion. It would be great to see a "raised cement hill" of some kind, separating the bikes from the cars. As long as the cyclists do not have to cross traffic too many times. I think another bridge is a lot more infrastructure than is necessary, but I will use whatever the city is willing to fund. Thank you for your work on this matter! Keep cycling and be well everyone!
2. For a 20' width implementation, what is the encroachment on the existing Vasona Hts Benefit Zone? Any significant encroachment would destroy the character of the Benefit Zone.
3. Of the Bay Area overcrossing examples cited, none appear to be anywhere near as close to residences as this one. What example of a project this size/scope can you cite that places a (potentially) 20' bike/ped path right next to residences?
4. As the parents of kids who cross this bridge daily (pre-COVID), I'm generally in support of this. But when do we expect Caltrans to fix/redo the Blossom Hill bridge? Seeing as this will take 4 years to even start building our pedestrian/bike bridge, why can't we just wait until the existing Blossom Hill crossing is fixed to meet current standards?

B. Question about traffic, noise and enforcement

1. Is the Town open to thought of traffic calming measures along Blossom Hill near the park? Suggested examples where slight curves in the road along with median construction were effective methods used by other cities. Since you are going to reconfigure the Blossom Hill lanes, why not consider traffic calming measures? introducing soft curves into the road, perhaps placement of medians, both measures used in other neighboring cities.
2. Traffic on Blossom Hill at this point is too fast. Traffic calming measures would be great.
3. Will the new bike/pedestrian lane require redoing the retaining wall on the lower portion opposite Vasona Park? If so, can it be constructed to be a more effective traffic sound barrier?

C. Questions about bridge alignment alternatives

1. This is a great proposal. Vote of support. The eastbound bike should be removed from Blossom Hill so the westbound bike lane can be widened for northbound traffic. Most cyclists (non-students) will not cross Blossom Hill to use the new ped/bike bridge, they will stay on the westbound bike lane
2. Why is the new bridge 6' higher?
3. Any consideration to keeping bikes on the road and the overcrossing for pedestrian only?



4. Is there a possibly to put the same type of bridge on the Vasona Park side of BH (north side)? I'm all for the bridge for the safety of all! Just not sure how it will look in our backyard -and about 4-5 neighbors'.
5. Couldn't you not just have a crossing under the current Blossom Hill bridge on both the east and west ends of Highway 17? That way, students don't have to cross active traffic, but the crossing is on the north end of Highway 17.

D. Questions about visual impacts on nearby properties

1. When it gets behind the houses what will it look like?
2. On the west side of the new bridge, where along Blossom Hill will the elevation of the structure meet BHR elevation.
3. Will the retaining wall be altered on the steep area?
4. The blue arrow (approach path west of Highway 17) is my house pointing to BH. Will this be visible from my backyard?????

E. Cost

1. Great options! Is there a major difference in costs?

F. Other (Positive feedback)

1. Very impressive, great job!
2. Thank you. Your presentation was very clear and very well-communicated, helpfully illustrating the logical and thorough thought process behind what's been evaluated so far and the details of what your recommendations are. So glad we have you on this project! And to the whole team, thank you for keeping the community involved. Really appreciate it. As a parent of children who traverse this corridor often, we are looking forward to this bridge and the safety it will provide to the large numbers of students coming and going during peak periods. We have seen a number of close calls and risky ped/bike activity over the years and are so glad this is being addressed.
3. Thank you for an informative presentation. This project will greatly benefit students and the community.

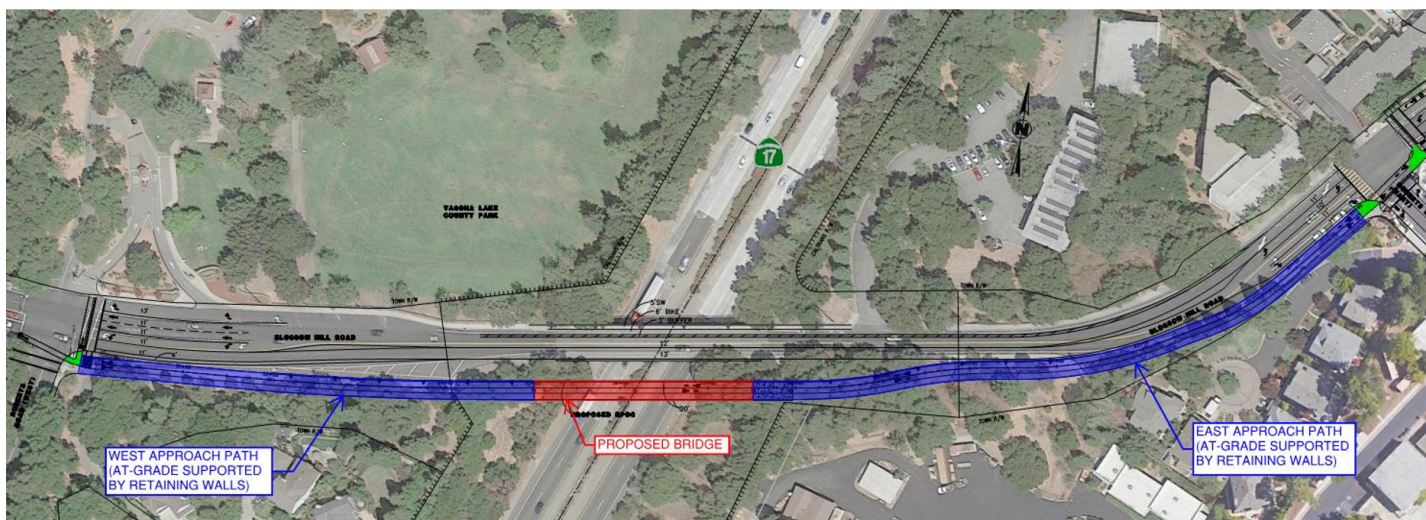
Additional Information

1. Meeting flyer & Map of Distribution
2. Meeting Door Hangers and Distribution Area
3. Social media promotion
4. Presentation
5. Sign-in sheet



COMMUNITY MEETING

Highway 17 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing Feasibility Study



Tuesday, August 25, 2020 7:00 - 9:00pm

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SCAN ME

We look forward to working with the community. We encourage interested individuals to learn more about the project and subscribe to the "NOTIFY ME" service, located on the project webpage:

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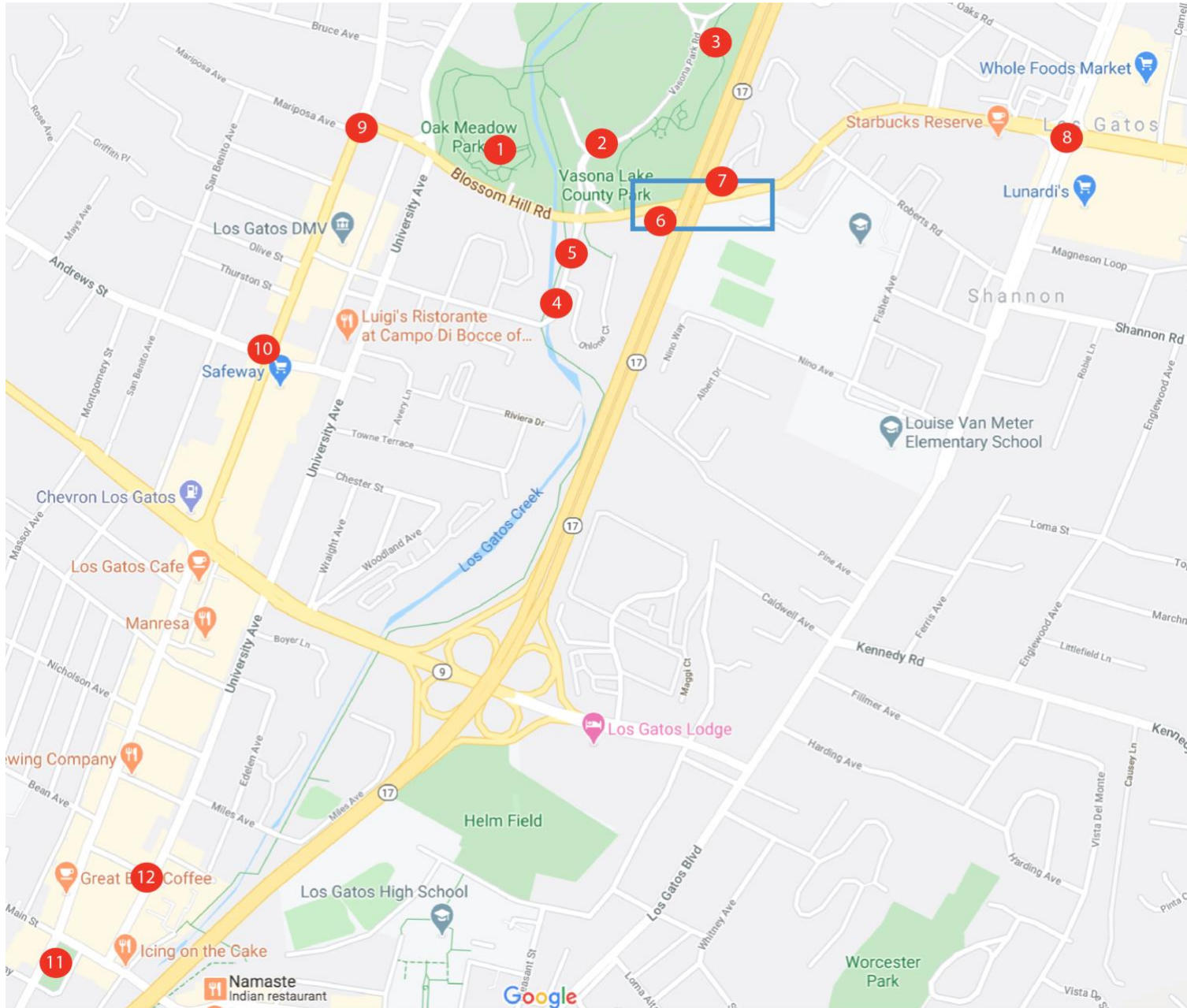


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Suggested Locations for Flyers on A-Frame



11X17 size, two flyers per A-Frame

Please place in locations that seem appropriate

Signs should be viewable going in both directions, if and when feasible

1. Oak Meadow Park
2. Vasona Park
3. Along the Los Gatos Creek Trail North of Blossom Hill Road
4. Los Gatos Creek Trail at Roberts road Entrance/ exist
5. Sidewalk on Roberts road (Where wide enough)
6. Southside of Blossom Hill Road
7. Northside of Blossom Hill Road
8. Los Gatos Blvd & Blossom Hill Road
9. N Santa Cruz & Blossom Hill Road
10. N Santa Cruz in front of Safeway
11. Downtown: Plaza Park
12. Downtown: University Ave

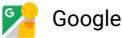
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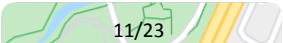


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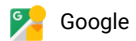


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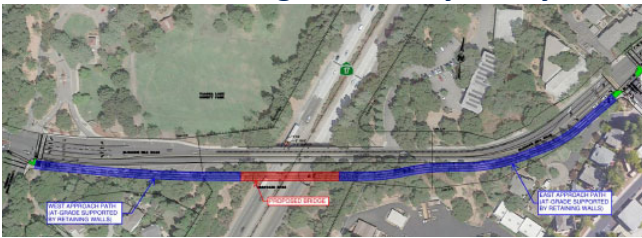
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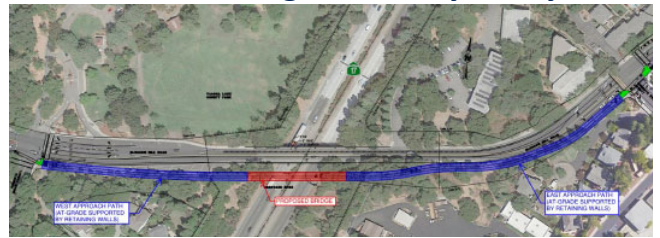
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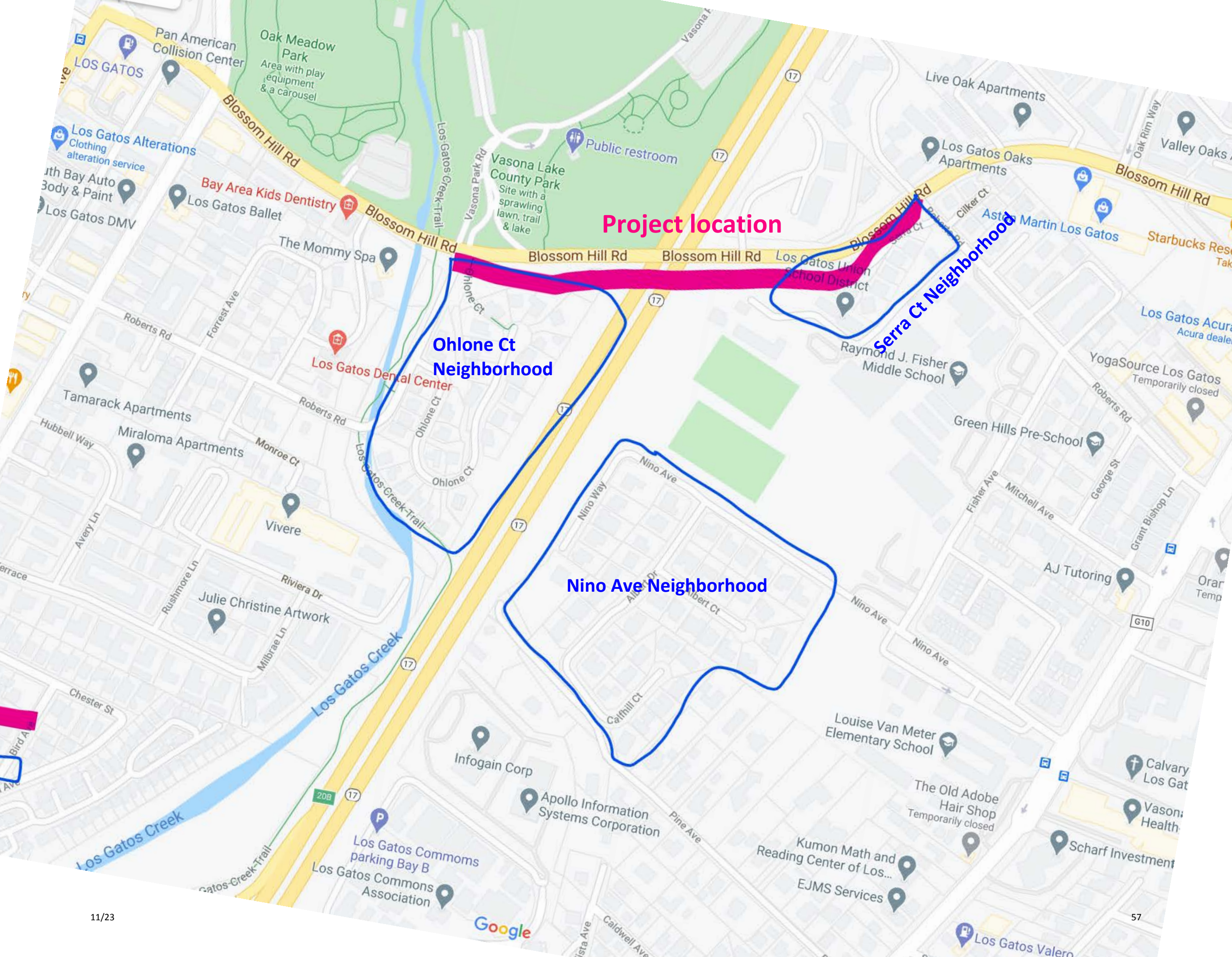
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Project location

Ohlone Ct
Neighborhood

Nino Ave Neighborhood

Serra Ct Neighborhood

Attachment E.3: Social Media Promotion for 8.25.20 Meeting

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To participate in the Community Meeting on August 25th at 6:30pm, click here:

<https://losgatoscagov.zoom.us/webinar...>

Pre-registration is desired but not required!

Learn more and connect to the project:

<https://www.losgatosca.gov/connectlg>

Any questions regarding the project can be referred to Ying Smith

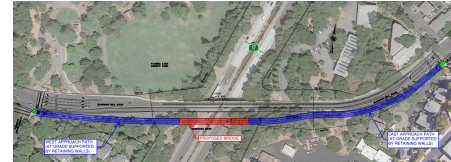
Transportation and Mobility Manager at YSmith@LosGatosCA.gov

Posted on: August 14, 2020

Highway 17 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing Community Meeting - August 25, 2020

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[View the project video here](#) and [click to participate in the community meeting here](#). Visit the project website to learn more!
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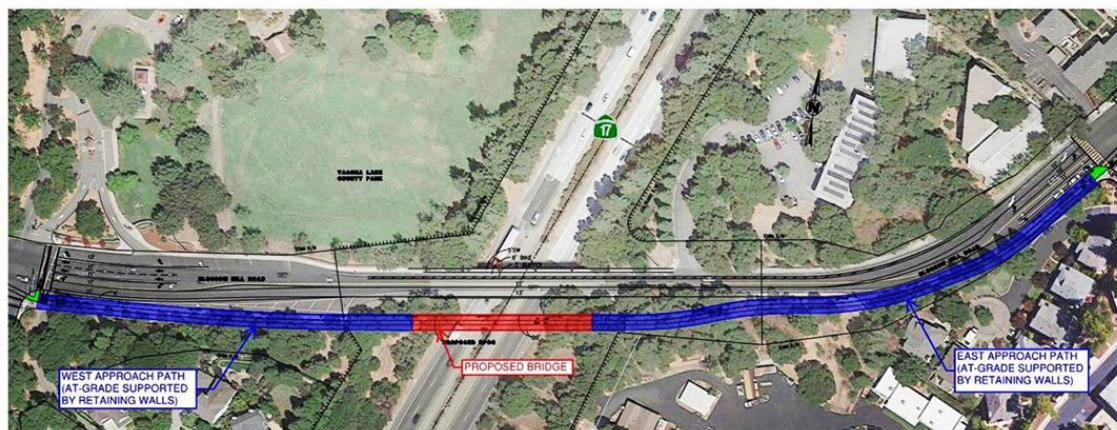
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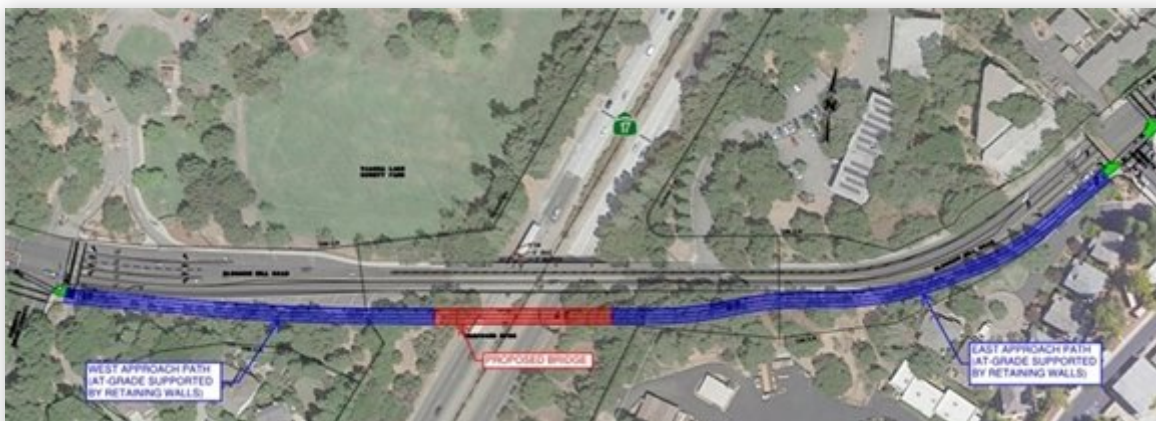
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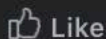


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Excellent video

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Rita B. • Rinconada Hills

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Tessa A. • Vista

Aug. 25th 6:30pm

It's a zoom meeting- link is above

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Highway 17 Bicycle & Pedestrian Overcrossing



Project Update

After many months of intensive design and analysis, the project team is ready to share with you the findings and recommendations. The Feasibility Study identifies and recommends the following key design elements:

- A separate bridge structure for bicyclists and pedestrians
- Preferred alignment south of Blossom Hill Road Bridge
- Bridge width between 16 and 20 feet
- Three bridge type options for further evaluation: concrete, steel truss, and steel arch

The Bike and Pedestrian Overcrossing over Highway 17 Project will design and construct a safe way to cross from the West side of Los Gatos to the East. This project is located in a central part of Town, adjacent to important retail centers, downtown, schools, Los Gatos Creek Trail, and Vasona Lake County Park.

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[View the presentation](#) to see the design.

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[Click here to participate in the Community Meeting on Zoom](#). Pre-registration is desired but not required.

Date and Time: 7:00 pm on Tuesday, August 25

Project Background

The Town of Los Gatos is preparing a Feasibility Study to evaluate options to improve safety and connections for bicyclists and pedestrians crossing Highway 17 near Blossom Hill Road. This phase of the project will evaluate three alignment alternatives and provide conceptual design of these alternatives. The Town is actively pursuing funding for the final design and construction of the preferred alternative.

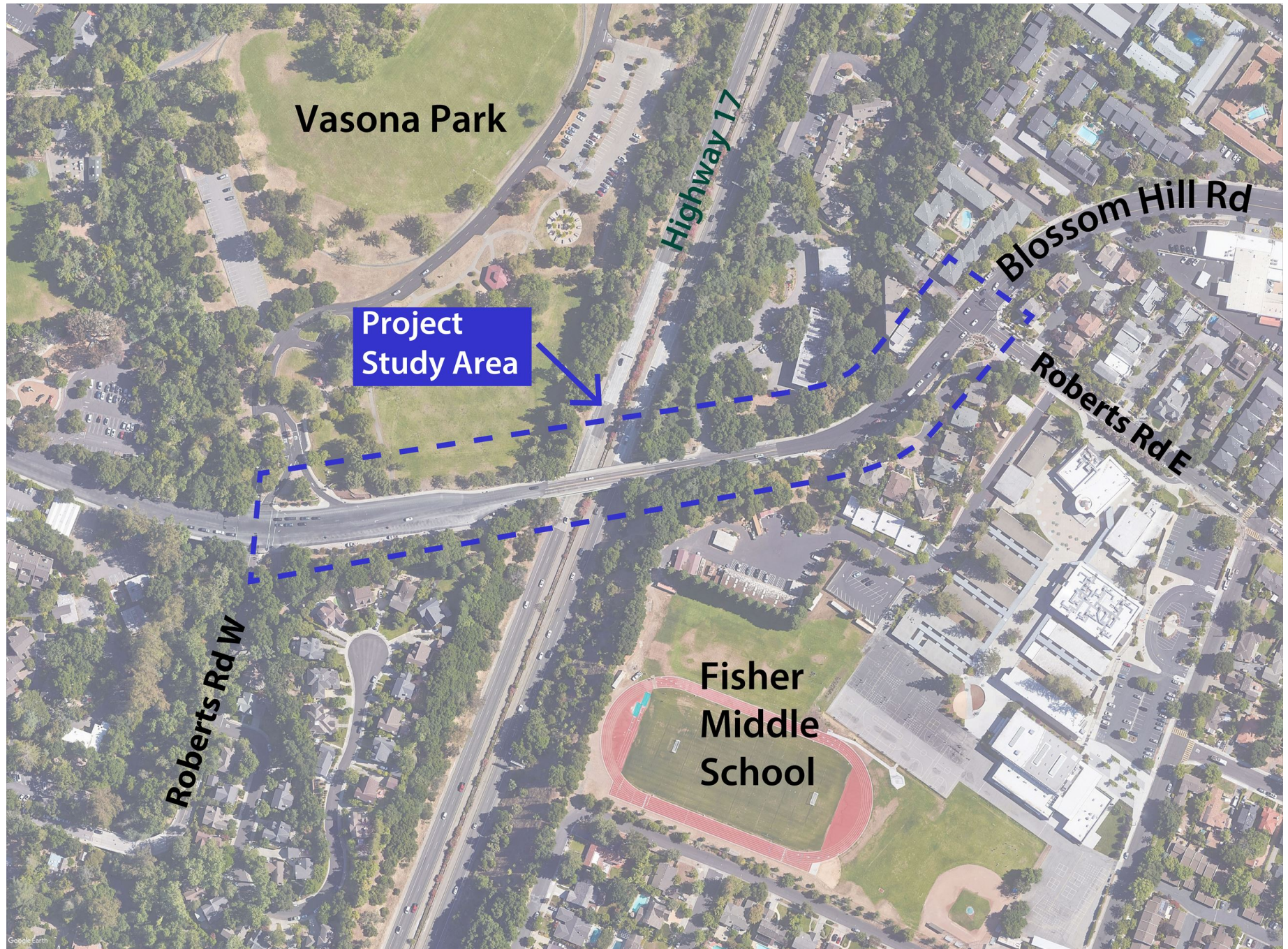
Project Goals

- Improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and comfort across Highway 17
- Improve safe biking and walking routes to school
- Promote more biking and walking trips

Alignment Alternatives Under Evaluation

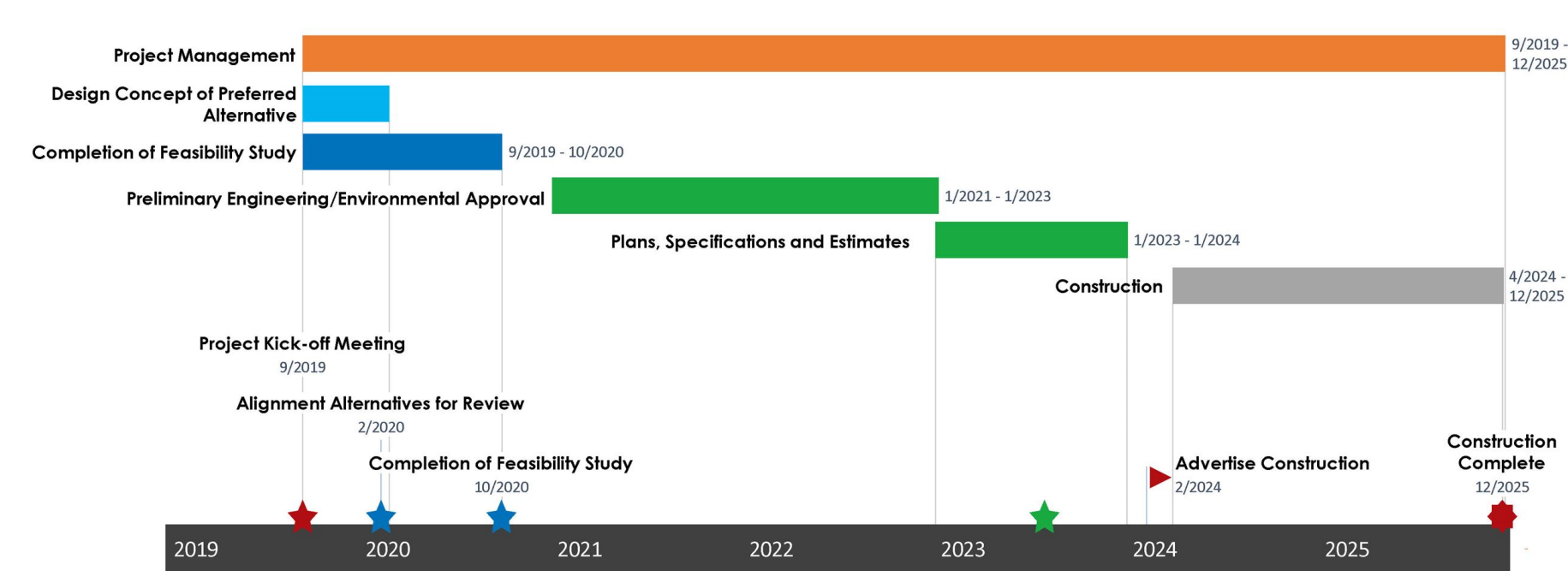
- Alternative 1 – A new bicycle and pedestrian bridge connecting to Nino Avenue
- Alternative 2 – A separate bicycle and pedestrian bridge along Blossom Hill Road

- Alternative 3 – Widening the existing Blossom Hill Road Bridge for bicyclists and pedestrians



Click [here](#) to view the design concept of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Overcrossing.

Project Timeline



To view the project timeline in a larger format, please click [here](#).

Project Milestones and Schedule

Milestone

Design Consultant RFP

11/23

Schedule

June 2019

Attachment E.4 - Community Meeting Presentation



Highway 17 Bicycle & Pedestrian Overcrossing Feasibility Study

Community Meeting #2

August 25, 2020
7:00 PM

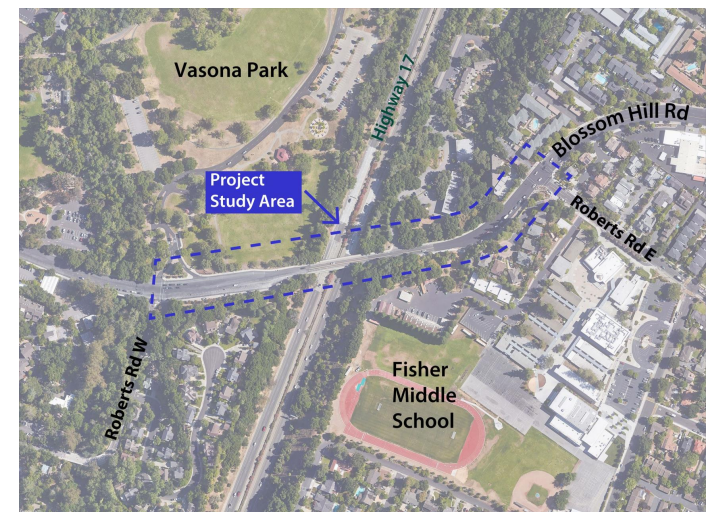
Tonight's Agenda

- Introduction of Project Team
- Project Location, Background and Staff Recommendations
- Alternatives Considered and Evaluation
- Preferred Alignment
- Design Considerations and Bridge Types
- Questions, Comments, Feedback
- Wrap Up and Next Steps

Project Team

- LOS GATOS STAFF
 - Matt Morley, Parks & Public Works Director
 - Ying Smith, Transportation and Mobility Manager
 - Savannah Van Akin, Transportation Planning Intern
 - Chris Hall, Transportation Planning Intern
- BKF Engineers
 - Jaggi Bhandal, Civil Engineer, Project Manager
 - Natalina Bernardi, Civil Engineer
 - Subconsultant – Biggs Cardosa Associates (Structures):
 - Mahvash Harms – Structural Engineer
 - Carlos Vasquez – Structural Engineer
 - Rick Phillips – Architect

Project Location



STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS



Recommend the Town Council at its September 1 Meeting:

- Approve the Feasibility Study supporting the following key elements:
 - Proceed with the final design of a separate bridge structure
 - The new bridge alignment will be immediately south of Blossom Hill Road
 - Bridge width is recommended to be between 16 and 20 feet
- Proceed with three bridge type options: concrete, steel truss, and steel arch, and solicit community input in the final design phase;
- Active Transportation Program grant application to seek grant funds for project construction;
- Commit up to \$1.2 million in future budget (FY 2023/24) as match funding for the ATP grant.

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ORIGINAL ALTERNATIVES



- Alternative 1** – A new bicycle and pedestrian bridge connecting to Nino Avenue
- Alternative 2** – A separate bicycle and pedestrian bridge along Blossom Hill Road
- Alternative 3** – Widening the existing Blossom Hill Road Bridge for bicyclists and pedestrians



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EVALUATION CRITERIA



- Community Feedback
- Caltrans Coordination
- Travel Demand and Patterns
- User Experience
- Potential Environmental Impacts:
 - Utilities
 - Right of Way constraints
 - geotechnical considerations
 - Trees
 - Visual impacts
- Cost: construction and maintenance

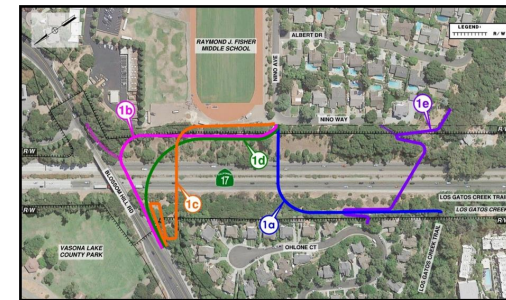


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INITIAL ALIGNMENT SCREENING

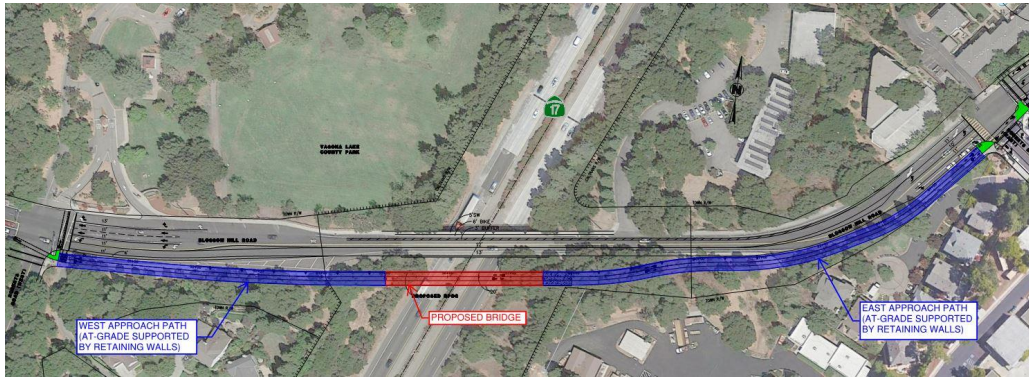


- Los Gatos Creek Trail Connector to Nino Ave** – A perpendicular crossing that provides a direct connection between Los Gatos Creek Trail on the west side and Nino Way on the east side.
 - Blossom Hill Rd Skewed Connector to Nino Ave** – A skewed main span crossing with a point of connection at Blossom Hill Rd to the West and Nino Way to the East. Additionally, the option of a second connection to East Blossom Hill Rd was studied, and is shown in the Figure.
 - Blossom Hill Rd Perpendicular Connector to Nino Ave** – A perpendicular main span crossing that provides the same points of connection as Alternative 1b (with the exception of the optional second landing along East Blossom Hill Rd). A switchback alignment is required along the west approach to provide enough distance to conform to existing grades along Blossom Hill Rd with a profile grade of 5% or less that meets ADA requirements.
 - Blossom Hill Rd Curved Connector to Nino Ave** – A curved main span crossing that provides the same points of connection as Alternative 1c.
- Ohlone Ct Connector to Pine Ave** – A skewed main span crossing that connects Ohlone Ct with Pine Ave. The option of a second connection to Nino Ave was studied, and is shown in the Figure.
- Blossom Hill Rd Separate Bridge** – (Pictured in Figure 11) provides a second parallel crossing with Blossom Hill Rd for bicyclists and pedestrians.
- Blossom Hill Rd Bridge Widening** – (Pictured in Figure 11) widens the existing Blossom Hill Rd Bridge for bicyclists and pedestrians.



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PREFERRED ALIGNMENT (Separate Bridge South of Blossom Hill Rd)



User Group/Direction	Options
Bicyclists: Eastbound	Use the Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing
Bicyclists: Westbound	Ride on the Class IV Bike Lane on the existing BHR Bridge; or cross to the south side to use the Bike and Pedestrian Overcrossing
Pedestrians: both directions	Use Existing Sidewalk on the north side of BHR Bridge; or walk on the Bike and Pedestrian Overcrossing

USER EXPERIENCE AND CROSS-SECTION

- **Important Considerations:**
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts
 - User Demographic
 - User Experience
 - Circulation Patterns and Connections to Key Destinations
 - Connectivity to Existing Facilities
- **Existing Counts along Blossom Hill Road are very high**
- **Example BPOC's for Comparison:**
 - Existing BPOC's located in the Bay Area = 10' to 12' wide
 - Several BPOC's in design = 18' to 20' wide. High counts and mode splits warrant wider sections.
 - US 101/Shoreline Blvd BPOC (Mountain View, CA)
 - I-880/Pacific Commons BPOC (Fremont, CA)
- **Project Recommendation = 16' to 20' wide. Final width to be determined during final design when more accurate information is available for design.**

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BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN VOLUMES

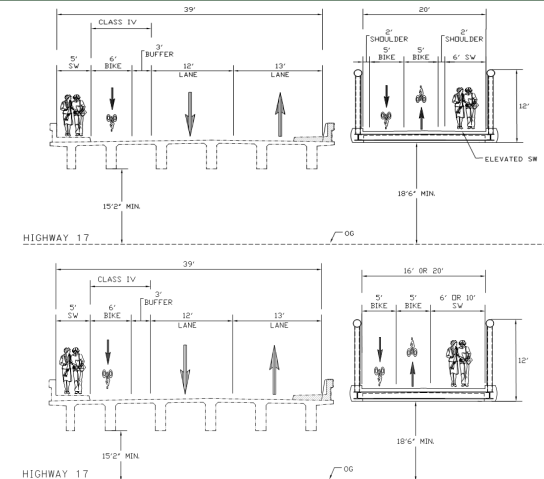
Peak 60-Minute Volumes

	Blossom Hill Road			Stevens Creek Trail Evelyn Avenue Bridge			Mary Avenue Bridge			Dale/Heatherstone Overcrossing		
	16'-20' wide			12' wide			12' wide			10' wide		
	Ped.	Bike	Total	Ped.	Bike	Total	Ped.	Bike	Total	Ped.	Bike	Total
Morning	87	46	133	29	137	166	24	39	63	59	139	198
Afternoon	174	84	258	30	109	139	39	44	83	36	83	119

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SECTION ALTERNATIVES

- **Enhanced Cross-Section (16' – 20')**
 - Two-way Cycle Track with sidewalk.
 - Provides redundant option for WB bicyclists.
 - Potential shoulder separations for enhanced bicycle experience or wider sidewalk for enhanced pedestrian experience.



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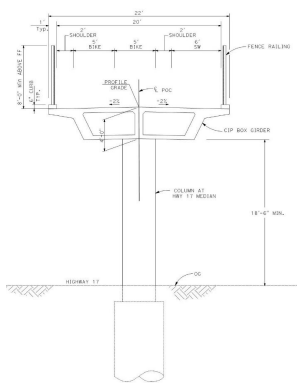
BRIDGE STRUCTURE TYPES AND ARCHITECTURE



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Concrete Bridge



Highway 17 POC (north of Highway 85)

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Concrete Bridge Examples



Highway 85 BPOC (Dale/Heatherstone Overcrossing)



Highway 101 BPOC (Ralston Avenue Overcrossing)

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BRIDGE STRUCTURE TYPES AND ARCHITECTURE



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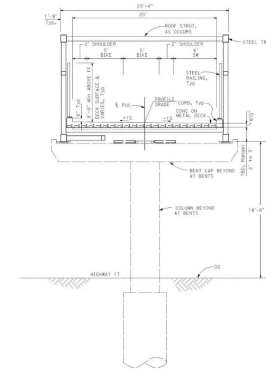
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Steel Truss Bridge



Mountain View Evelyn Avenue Bridge



Mountain View Stevens Creek Bridge

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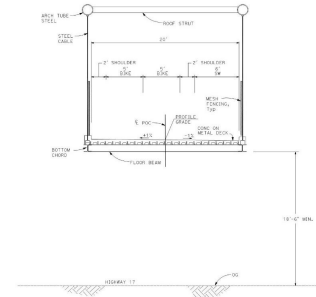


BRIDGE STRUCTURE TYPES AND ARCHITECTURE



Steel Truss Bridge

Steel Arch Bridge



I-80 POC (Berkeley, CA)

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BRIDGE STRUCTURE TYPES AND ARCHITECTURE



PRELIMINARY EVALUATION OF IMPACTS



Arch Bridge

- Utility Impacts
- Right of Way Impacts
- Geotechnical Considerations
- Environmental Constraints (Trees, Visual, etc)



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FUNDING PURSUITS



• Preliminary Engineering and Final Design Phase

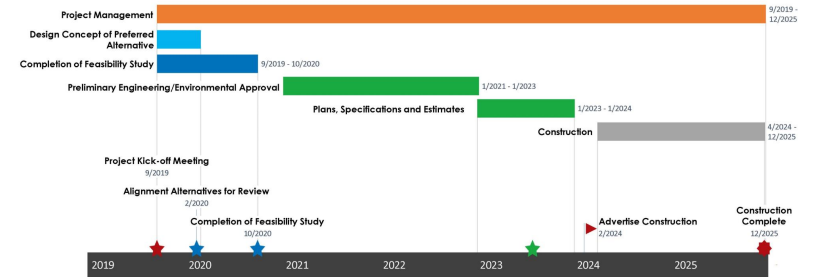
- Awarded \$2.75 million from VTA Measure B Program
- \$1.1 million from Town (cumulative from project start)

• Construction Phase

- Seeking construction funding from the Active Transportation Program (ATP)
- ATP Application deadline - September 15, 2020
- Town will require up to \$1.2 million commitment in future (FY2023/24) budget as a non-ATP match

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Project Milestones



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Feasibility Study and Future Phases

Milestone	Schedule
Preliminary Evaluation	January - March, 2020
Outreach Round 1 – Initial Screening	February 2020
Town Council confirmed two alternatives	March 3, 2020
Community Meeting via Zoom	August 25, 2020 at 7:00 pm
Outreach Round 2	August 2020
Town Council considers preferred alternative	September 1, 2020
ATP Application for Construction Dollars	September 15, 2020
Preliminary Eng/Env. Approval/Final design	Early 2021 - Jan 2024
Advertise Construction (pending funding availability)	November 2023
Award Contract (pending funding availability)	February 2024
Construction (pending funding availability)	April 2024 – December 2025

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Next Steps

- September 1 Town Council considers staff recommendations
- Sign up for the “Notify Me” services to be notified by e-mail or text each time the project page is updated.
- Connect Los Gatos Projects www.LosGatosCA.Gov/ConnectLG
- Tonight’s presentation will be placed onto the project page

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Attachment E.5 - Community Member Attendee Screen Shots & Sign In Sheet

Participants

Panelists (9) Attendees (35)

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- AB Alana Brown (Guest)
- AP Areli Perez (Guest)
- BR Bruce Roberts (Guest)
- BC Bryant Courtney (Guest)
- CF Cynthia Fan (Guest)
- DM David McCloskey (Guest)
- DB Donna Brewster (Guest)
- EM Eddie McMorrow (Guest)
- ES Elaine Seid (Guest)
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- OG Orissa Goshen (Guest)
- RK Rami Kanama (Guest)
- RS Rodney Smedt (Guest)
- Sh Scott hoffman (Guest)
- SA Sharon Aby (Guest)

SB Stewart Brews... (Guest) Allow to talk More

TB Tassi Babalis (Guest)

TC Thomas Cook (Guest)





Sign-In Sheet

Highway 17 Bicycle and Pedestrian Community Meeting

August 25, 2020

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Julie McCloskey	130 Ohlone COurt	julesmmclosk@yahoo.com
Cynthia and James Fan	116 Ohlone Ct	cynthiafan247@gmail.com
Karen Briones	141 Hollycrest Drive	kmkbriones@gmail.com

Attachment F: Highway 17 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing Town Council Updates and Decisions

Meeting Date: **5/1/18**

Action(s):

Adopted a resolution authorizing the Town Manager to file an application for 2018/19 Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 funds in the amount of \$52,995 to fund a portion of the Conceptual Engineering Phase for the Nino Avenue or Blossom Hill Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge over Highway 17.

Meeting Date: **5/7/19**

Action(s):

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Town Manager to file an application for FY 2019/20 Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 funds in the amount of \$34,456 to partially fund the Conceptual Engineering Phase for the Nino Avenue or Blossom Hill Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge over Highway 17.

Meeting Date: **6/18/19**

Action(s):

- a. Approved the scope of services for a request for Proposals for the feasibility analysis and conceptual engineering.
- b. Authorized the Town Manager to negotiate and execute a consultant agreement the highest scored proposer in an amount not to exceed \$234,456.

Meeting Date: **11/19/19**

Action(s):

Authorized the Town Manager to submit grant applications for the Measure B Bicycle and Pedestrian Competitive Grant Program for five candidate projects, including the Final Design for the Highway 17 Bike and Pedestrian Overcrossing (BPOC).

Meeting Date: **3/3/20**

Action(s):

- a. Approved project purpose and need
- b. Authorized to proceed with design alternatives for separate bike and ped overcrossing

Meeting Date: **9/1/20**

Recommendation(s)

- a. Approve the Feasibility Study for the Highway 17 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing (Project 818-0803) supporting the following key elements:
 - Proceed with the final design of a separate bridge structure
 - The new bridge alignment will be immediately south of Blossom Hill Road Bridge
 - Design with an enhanced width of between 16 and 20 feet
- b. Authorize staff to proceed with analyzing three bridge type options: concrete, steel truss, and steel arch, and solicit community input in the final design phase;
- c. Authorize the Town Manager to submit a grant application to Caltrans in the Active Transportation Program, seeking grant funds for project construction;
- d. Commit to \$1 million in future budget (FY 2023/24) as match funding for the ATP grant.



Attachment G: Website, Social Media, and School Outreach Messages

Community engagement activities in addition to activities outlined in the Connect Los Gatos Engagement Plan

8/19/20	Flyers posted around town, mailed, and posted on SR2S platforms
8/17/20	Video posted on: Next Door, Instagram, Facebook, Twitter
8/14/20	Website updated with project information
8/14/20	What's New Post promoting community meeting
8/14/20	Project Video Posted on the Towns YouTube account
7/15/20	Project website update
3/4/20	Questionnaire online and shared on Facebook
2/27/20	Project website update
2/25/20	Highway 17 Bicycle and ped overcrossing survey
2/21-2/24	Flyers along project location
2/20/20	Social media posts for upcoming community meeting
2/18/20	Draft design on website
2/18/20	Public notice flyer by mail
2/5/20	SR2S Meeting
1/28/20	Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing Webpage
Late Jan	Connect Los Gatos Project Website

Attachment H: Neighborhood Meeting Summary



October 19th, 2020 Neighborhood Meeting Summary

Highway 17 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing

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The meeting summary was prepared to reflect the residents' input. Town staff will prepare responses to the questions and include them in a frequently asked questions (FAQ) document. Other stakeholders may also have interest in the responses. Staff will post the FAQ document on the project website.

Date and Location

4:00 P.M. – 5:45 P.M., on site neighborhood meeting on Ohlone Court.

Attendance

Approximately 18 Ohlone Ct. neighborhood residents attended. The Los Gatos Glen Homeowners Association sent a comment letter to the Town Council regarding a related item on the September 1st agenda (Attachment 1).

Four Parks and Public Works staff, and one Consultant attended. Staff included; Ying Smith: Transportation & Mobility Manager, WooJae Kim: Town Engineer, Michelle Quinney: Special Projects Manager, Savannah Van Akin: Transportation Intern. Jaggi Bhandal represented BKF, the Town's Engineering Consultant for the Feasibility Study.

How was it Advertised

- An initial email was sent to the Los Gatos Glen Homeowners Association and Ohlone Court Neighbors on September 23rd to inquire about an onsite neighborhood meeting (Attachment 2).
- Staff began the internal coordination process for the meeting on October 1st.
- On Friday October 9th, an email to the Los Gatos Glen Homeowners Association and Neighbors was sent with a link to a SurveyMonkey poll to help identify a time that would work for the majority of neighborhood residents.
- On October 15th, door hanging notifications (Attachment 3) were distributed to each property within the Ohlone Ct. Neighborhood.
- An email was also sent to the Los Gatos Glen Homeowners Association and Ohlone Court Neighbors with meeting date, time, and details on October 15th (Attachment 2).

Presentation and Materials

- The project team presented the project background and alternatives, explained the September 1st Town Council decision, and provided an overview of the project schedule, cost and funding (Attachments 4 and 5).
- Two exhibits (Attachment 5) showing the location and anticipated height of the west approach were offered at the start of the meeting to supplement the presentation.





- The attendees were invited to participate in providing feedback and asking questions on needs and concerns.
- The group walked to neighbors' backyards at 139 and 140 Ohlone Court to understand the view from their properties. Staff took pictures to show the view looking north from the backyard, ground level (Attachment 6).
- The group also walked down to Blossom Hill Road to address additional questions. Staff explained the anticipated height of the west approach in relationship to the existing BHR grade.

Themes of the Night

1. Caltrans Coordination
2. Project Cost, Purpose and Need
3. Neighborhood Impacts
4. Travel Demand and Patterns
5. Potential Environmental Impacts
6. Design Detail
7. Future Communication with Town Staff

Although the information helped some residents, the majority of attendees opposed the BPOC at Blossom Hill Road, insisting that the Town actively and aggressively pursue an option for Caltrans to reconstruct the existing Blossom Hill Road vehicular bridge over Hwy 17 due to its substandard conditions. Neighbors expressed appreciation that the first consideration in this project is to improve safety of the students crossing the bridge when they bike or walk to school. However, they also shared concerns about the potential construction impacts, conflicts at the Blossom Hill Road/Roberts Road East intersection, existing traffic and noise, existing school traffic impacts at this neighborhood, and the overall project decision-making process.

Comments and Questions Received

A. Design Detail of the Preferred BPOC Alternative

- Where does the bridge end?
- Will there be a fence? What will that look like?
- How high is the BPOC over the freeway? How high is it above the grade to the west of the freeway?
- How will this impact the view from my backyard?

B. Blossom Hill Road Reconstruction

- Why not wait for Caltrans?
- Is there anything in writing that shows you asked Caltrans?
- Can you aggressively go after and document the communication between Caltrans?
- The original bridge is the problem, based on traffic that occurs at this location.
- We want a comprehensive fix.
- Expressed frustration that staff didn't work aggressively to pressure Caltrans to reconstruct the existing bridge.
- We don't believe the staff conclusion that BHR reconstruction is a long-term project that the Town has little control over.





C. Potential Construction Impacts

- Questions about the construction time frame and duration were raised.
- We have had to live through the bridge being fixed the first time it was hit; we do not want to live through more constructions than we have to.

D. Conflicts at the Blossom Hill Road/Roberts Road West Intersection

- There is a blind corner on Roberts Road West.
- The design will need to consider safety at Roberts Road West intersection.
- There are already kids who cross at this intersection on a red light. Making a right turn at this location is always difficult at Roberts Road West onto Blossom Hill Road.
- I worry about the continuity between the end of the bridge at Roberts Road West and the creek connection. How can we make this safer?
- If the BPOC generates more bike and pedestrian traffic, how will you address the increased traffic going on to Roberts Road West to the Los Gatos creek connection?

E. Existing Traffic and Noise

- Noise level will need to be addressed throughout the development process.
- We are frustrated with the traffic and noise that the existing narrow bridge causes. We want to know what can be done.
- Frustration about the traffic congestion at the BHR/Roberts Road East intersection near Fisher.

F. Existing School Traffic Impacts at this Neighborhood

- Parents often drop their kids off in our neighborhood and along Roberts Road West because they don't want to get stuck in the traffic to cross the bridge. The bridge is too narrow.
- This is why there are so many students crossing the bridge in the mornings and afternoons, it is not because they live in that direction. It is because parents wait to pick them up and drop them off along Roberts Road West.
- Do you have information on how many people use the bridge now? Do you know how many students were dropped off in our neighborhood and walk across the bridge?

G. Project Purpose and Need

- This project is emphasizing this particular connection, however there are many locations throughout town that do not have sidewalks and biking infrastructure. Why are we putting our time and energy into this project when there are other areas that need help?
- This project seems oversized and out of context for this location. Why is this size appropriate for the amount of people it will serve?

H. Overall Project Decision-Making Process and Community Engagement

- Does it affect Serria ct.? Have they been notified?
- You made that recommendation even though you knew we were not happy with it?
- Can we have regular check ins with staff about the project process?
- Can we have a quarterly email from staff to the neighborhood to address project updates?





- We are all smart people but operating the government system can be difficult. What can you do to make it easier for us to get involved?
- The Council members should also consider visiting the neighborhood before making any decisions on our behalf.
- We have not seen our input reflected in writing.
- When will you have the meeting notes available?
- It is so difficult to get information from the project website. Staff should come to our neighborhood regularly to provide update.
- You should have reached out and had this conversation before the September 1st meeting.
- Requested staff to make a different recommendation to the Town Council. Instead of building the BPOC, the recommendation should instead say reconstruct the existing bridge.
- Questioned if the Consultant has a financial interest in making the recommendation.

I. Project Cost, Funding and Schedule

- Wouldn't the costs from two projects end up more expensive than the cost of one project?
- How much will this project cost?
- How much would the Caltrans reconstruction cost?
- How long will each phase be?
- How long until construction begins?
- How long will construction last?

J. Environmental Impacts

- Have you done soil testing?
- City mandated trees are located in the benefit zone so you cannot see our houses and to help with the noise. How many trees will need to be removed?
- Will an EIR be needed? Will this project qualify for an exemption under CEQA?

Attachments with Additional Information

1. [Original Los Gatos Glen HOA Letter](#)
2. [Emails to Ohlone Ct. Residents & Los Gatos Glen HOA](#)
3. [Meeting Door Hanger Notification](#)
4. [Meeting Presentation Video](#)
5. [Meeting Handouts](#)
6. [Photos of View from Ohlone Court Properties](#)

